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Planners call off slated removal of 22 trees

Condo development had justified request to take them out, commission says

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER
The El Cerrito Planning Commission has granted a reprieve to 22 trees on San Pablo Avenue slated for removal as part

of a proposed condominium development south of Moers Lane. Commissioners said Wednesday the 31-unit development had not justified the removal of the trees, which include three coast live oaks. An arborist report about the trees failed to distinguish which trees were and were not healthy.

"They're either unhealthy or

in the way, so let's get rid of them, is the conclusion," commission chair Kathleen McKinley said.

The project will be revised and come back to the commission for consideration as early as April 19.

In addition to concerns about the trees, commissioners said developer Aaron Vitale needed to

give the development positive features to justify his request for exceptions to the city's standards for height, density and parking.

They suggested reducing the scale of the project or including green building architecture or additional open space.

In particular, commissioners said the sprawling driveway in the middle of the development

with a strip of green space did not make good use of the site.

"I feel very uncomfortable approving something that has so many things that need to be worked out and fixed," commissioner Bea O'Keefe said.

The project density is 45 units per acre, 10 more than the city's standard. It rises four stories facing San Pablo Avenue and three

stories facing Kearney Street.

Kearney Street resident Pat Berndt worried about the potential traffic impacts as a result of the new units.

"We absolutely do not need more living units," Berndt, a 43-year Kearney Street resident, said. "Commercial would be great."

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CHARLIE MORAN wipes dust off one of his award-winning models in his Hercules home. Moran created a model of the new Cerrito Theater that will be displayed throughout the city.

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Signatures sought for waterfront plan

■ A group wants a ballot initiative to stop development approvals or zoning changes for up to two years

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Volunteers with the Citizens for the Albany Shoreline will begin collecting signatures Saturday to qualify a waterfront open space initiative for the November ballot.

"We're hoping for clear weather," shoreline treasurer Brian Parker said.

On Tuesday, the Albany city attorney submitted a summary for the initiative and titled it the Albany Waterfront Specific Plan Initiative.

According to the summary, the initiative would impose a moratorium on development approvals or zoning changes along the waterfront for up to two years.

During that time, a nine-person committee would develop a specific plan for the waterfront and an accompanying environmental impact report. Under the initiative, any development would be required to conform to the specific plan.

The initiative would prohibit development within 600 feet of the shoreline.

The specific plan would apply to land now occupied by Golden Gate Fields, according to the summary. Magna Entertainment Corp., the owner of Golden Gate Fields, is partnering with developer Caruso Affiliated in an effort to bring a shopping center and housing to the racetrack's northwest parking lots.

"The initiative is intended to respect the will of the people who have consistently said they don't want a development like the

Caruso mall on the waterfront," said Norman La Force, the Sierra Club's East Bay public lands committee chair and a principle author of the measure. "It will go through a process and within the parameters of the initiative; Mr. Caruso is welcome to make a presentation on the development that would meet the conditions set forth in the initiative."

Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, Citizens for the Eastshore State Park and the Sierra Club are battling the Caruso plan, and working to get the initiative on the November ballot. The groups need to submit 950 signatures to the city for the initiative to qualify.

Parker expects to submit about 1,500 signatures by April 15, a month before the deadline, he said.

"I'm really excited about the number of people committed to helping us with this," Parker said. "The number of people who want to protect the waterfront."

In the meantime, Caruso Affiliated expects to submit an application for the Golden Gate Fields development in April.

The environmental impact report required would likely delay approvals of that project until at least next year, Matt Middlebrook, a vice president with Caruso, said.

Voters have a say over whether the project is approved under Measure C, the city's 1990 waterfront protection initiative. However, the Albany Waterfront Specific Plan Initiative would prevent the development from appearing on the ballot, Middlebrook said.

"This initiative would severely limit the community's input on shaping the waterfront," Middlebrook said. "Over time it will cost Albany millions of dollars in lost revenue."

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YOU GO:

WHAT: Cerrito Theater model on display at the Jenny K. gift shop

WHEN: Beginning from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Friends of the Theater will sell T-shirts.

WHERE: Jenny K. and the Well Grounded Coffee Bar next door will offer food and product samples. The model will be on display until April 1.

It will also be shown at the El Cerrito City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane.

WHERE: Jenny K. is located at 6927 Stockton Ave.

FOR INFORMATION: Call 510-528-1000

Cerrito model to be unveiled

■ Miniature will be on display pending renovation for the real thing in August

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A portable cassette player in the back of a doll house provides spooky organ music while a tiny lightbulb flashes randomly from within, perhaps indicating a ghoulish experiment under way. Small gray tombstones an inch or so high sit outside the graying property where dead "leaves" from nearby trees cover the ground.

Mummies and other small figures, including a Phantom of the Opera doppelganger, sit inside.

The "haunted" doll house — a 2-foot by 3-foot creation that sits in Hercules resident Charlie Moran's garage — won Moran first place in the California State Fair in 1995.

Moran recently used his skills to build a scale model of the Cerrito Theater. It will be on display beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Jenny K. gift shop at 6927 Stockton Ave.

The real Cerrito Theater is undergoing an El Cerrito Redevel-

opment Agency-funded renovation scheduled to conclude in August. When it's completed, the owners of the popular "picture pub pizza" experience at the Parkway Theater in Oakland will operate it.

The Friends of the Cerrito Theater commissioned the miniature theater after Moran approached the group at last summer's Solano Stroll, Friends member Al Miller said. The Friends thought it would be a good way to drum up interest and contributions.

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Concert benefits hub for budding musicians

Jazzschool offers dozens of classes for beginners, hobbyists and professionals

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

World-famous mezzo-soprano Frederica von Stade always gets more requests for time than she can possibly grant. She's making an exception for one of her favorite institutions, the Jazzschool in downtown Berkeley.

Monday, Von Stade will perform in concert with 21-year-old jazz piano wunderkind Taylor Elgisti at First Congregational Church.

It's a joy to the Jazzschool. "I have received so much from music; I ache at the thought of not having the opportunity to play this power."

Located in the basement of the old Kress and Kress building on Addison Street, next to the Aurora Theater and Berkeley Rep, the Jazzschool is a little bit of Greenwich Village in the middle of Berkeley.

It's a hub for jazz musicians all over the Bay Area, says trumpeter Ellen Seel. Director of Montclair Women's Big Band, who also teaches a course at the school titled Hard Bop Boot Camp.



Frederica von Stade

The renowned mezzo-soprano performs in a Jazzschool fund-raiser today.

Among the features crammed into the Jazzschool's 7,500 square feet: a cafe, book and CD store, photo gallery, guitar repair shop, 60-seat performance hall and the school's pride and joy — 12 acoustically perfect practice rooms.

No two rooms are the same size, shape or color, and there are no 90-degree angles. "That's important because parallel walls aren't good for sound," says the director, pianist Susan Muscarella, who founded the Jazzschool in 1997. "It's also in the basement, which is cool for jazz."

The main hall is Hardymon Hall, named after the late Phil Hardymon, who founded the jazz program at Berkeley High and mentored such future stars as Joshua Redman, Dave Ellis and Benny Green.

On one wall hangs a huge hammered-steel sculpture that replicates, note-for-note, the score of Charlie Parker's "Yardbird Suite," which Parker composed as a homage to Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite."

IF YOU GO

■ WHAT: Soprano Frederica Von Stade and pianist Taylor Elgisti in concert, a benefit for the Jazzschool

■ WHEN: Today at 8 p.m.

■ WHERE: First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley

■ COST: \$125

■ INFO: 510-845-5373 For a full listing of Jazzschool programs and performances, visit www.jazzschool.com.

The sculpture was conceived as a fundraiser for the Jazzschool, which sold sponsorships to each note, ranging from \$100 for a 1/16th note to \$50,000-plus for the score's only whole note.

That whole note was "bought" by Vaughan Johnson of Danville, a drummer/flutist who is typical of a sizable number of Jazzschool students who aren't professional musicians.

A general surgeon, Johnson never lost his love for the jazz he played in his youth. But with his professional responsibilities, he didn't have time to play as an adult. Then he found the Jazzschool.

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GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

DANNY MERTENS, 14, of El Cerrito plays the piano with Susan Muscarella, the director of the Jazzschool.

Muscarella, a jazz pianist, founded the school in 1997. Danny, who has been studying classical piano since he was 5, got bit by the jazz bug at age 12.

Skinner appointed to parks board

By Denis Cuff
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Skinner, a former Berkeley city councilwoman, was appointed Tuesday to a vacancy on the East Bay Regional Park board.

Skinner, an environmental activist, organizer and educator, was picked on a 6-0 vote of the park board to replace the late Jean Siri in the district's Ward 1.

The political division stretches through shoreline communities from Pinole in Contra Costa County to northern Oakland in



Skinner

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kensington voters to consider spending limit

This June, Kensington voters will be asked to approve a limit on the amount of money their community's police protection and community services district can spend annually through 2010.

The district, which provides police protection to Kensington, has a budget of \$2.1 million. The district is asking voters to approve a spending limit of \$2.5 million.

"It's not saying we're going to spend that much," district board president Paul Haxo said. "It just allows us to make that much of an appropriation."

All independent special districts are required to place an appropriations limit on the ballot every four years. The Kensington district owns Kensington Park, and manages the community's garbage collection service.

"(The election) helps ensure that their money is not being thrown away," district general manager Barry Garfield said.

The election will be held June 6. For more information, call Garfield at 510-526-4141.

— Alan Lopez

Landscape ballots due no later than April 17

El Cerrito property owners have until Monday, April 17 to return their lighting and landscaping assessment district ballots to the city.

If a ballot was lost or not received, a new ballot can be requested in writing. E-mail kpinkos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or call Karen Pinkos, the assistant to the city manager, at 510-215-4302 for more information.

Requests for new ballots should include the name of the property owner and the address of the property.

El Cerrito is asking property owners to increase the fees they pay for lighting and landscaping maintenance in the city to keep up with inflation. The City Council instituted the fees in 1988.

The council will hold a public hearing on the assessment district at 7:30 p.m. on April 17. Property owners have until the end of the public hearing to submit their ballots.

— Alan Lopez

Albany residents sought for task force

Albany is seeking residents to serve on a task force that will help draft a policy for using chemicals to manage weeds and pests in the city.

The city wants to develop a pest-management policy that favors the use of organic or natural methods while considering the careful and limited use of the least-toxic chemicals.

The city's park and recreation commission will review and possibly modify the committee's recommendation and forward it to the City Council for adoption.

The committee will meet at least twice a month for up to six months. Meetings may last up to three hours.

To request an application, call 510-524-9283. Applications should be returned to recreation director Melinda Chinn, 1249 Marin Ave., 94706 or faxed to 510-528-8914 by Wednesday, April 5.

— Alan Lopez

Police to host forum on teen parties

In response to the increase in large, unsupervised teenage parties—including one last month in the Berkeley hills where Juan Ramos, 18, of El Cerrito was stabbed to death—the Berkeley Police Department will host a community forum Thursday to answer parents' growing concerns.

The forum, co-sponsored by District 5 Councilman Laurie Capitelli and the Neighborhood Liaison Division of the city manager's office, will address the following issues:

- The social factors that lead to out-of-control teen events.
- What teens can do if their party gets out of control.
- Teen anxiety about calling the police—what will really happen?
- What are parents' responsibilities if they are not there?
- What should neighbors do if they suspect a large, unsupervised teen party?
- How Web sites such as "My Space" play a role in spreading the word about parties.

The meeting will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Church Community Center, 941 The Alameda.

For information, call Officer John Nutterfield, the BPD area coordinator, at 510-981-5806 or Councilman Capitelli's office at 510-981-7150.

— Martin Snapp

Robber briefly abducts nanny

Berkeley Police are asking for the public's help in finding a robber who jumped into the car of a young nanny last Wednesday and forced her to drive him around before dropping him off at a local park.

The young woman was buckling two children in their car seats on Atherton Street at Channing Way about 6:10 p.m., when a man jumped into her unlocked passenger side and pulled out a gun, ordering her to drive him to Albany, Sgt. Guy Craig said.

Once they stopped, the man asked for the woman's cash and forced her to then drop him in front of People's Park on Haste Street, a block above Telegraph Avenue, Craig said.

The gunman is described as a white man in his 50s, wearing a blue baseball cap, a black leather jacket and gray pants with splattered paint on them.

Anyone with information may call Berkeley police at 510-981-5900.

— Cassandra Braun

Berkeley council to consider Marin Avenue ruling

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

On Monday, the Berkeley City Council will consider appealing a recent court decision requiring the city to re-evaluate its reconfiguration of Marin Avenue.

The consideration, which will come in closed session, follows a March 7 appeal of the same court decision by Berkeley resident Ray Chamberlin.

In January, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Bonnie Sabraw ruled that Berkeley had to re-evaluate its portion of the reconfiguration—through an envi-

ronmental document called an initial study—after Chamberlin had filed a lawsuit to stop the project.

The reconfiguration reduced the number of traffic lanes from four to three and added bike lanes through 16 blocks in Albany and four in Berkeley.

The decision did not affect Albany's portion of the Marin Avenue project because Chamberlin filed his lawsuit beyond a 30-day statute of limitations affecting that city.

In his March 7 filing with the Alameda County First District Court of Appeal, Chamberlin ar-

gues that Albany should re-evaluate its portion of the Marin project because it's part of the same reconfiguration.

If Berkeley appeals, it may argue the city should not have to re-evaluate its portion for the same reason, assistant city attorney Zach Cowan said.

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, March 6

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 3:30 p.m., a San Leandro man reported that within the previous 30 minutes someone broke into his company's white 2003 Ford Ranger while it was parked on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ **CHASE** — At about 10 p.m., a resident on the 1500 block of Washington Avenue reported that he had just seen someone taking the license plate off a white 1995 Honda Odyssey. The resident chased the man on foot but abandoned the chase when the thief got into a vehicle with other people and fled the area.

Tuesday, March 7

■ **ROBBERY** — At about 2:30 p.m., a high school student reported that while at the basketball courts at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard he was threatened and robbed of his iPod, wallet and cash. He described the thieves as three black male adults who were not Albany High School students, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall to 6 feet tall. One had dreadlocks with yellow tips, two wore black baseball caps and black jackets, and one wore a gray hoodie. Police are investigating.

■ **ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN** — At about 4 p.m., two suspects described as Latino male juveniles, about 16 years old, were seen attempting to break into a blue Honda Accord parked in the parking lot of the Orientation Center for the Blind on the 400 block of Adams Street. One boy was wearing a green jacket and the other a black sweatshirt. They were last seen running south on Adams Street and jumping over the fence into the Albany Bowl parking lot.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANTS** — At about 10:30 p.m., officers stopped a white 1984 Pontiac on Buchanan Street near Cerrito Street for expired registration. They arrested the driver, a 39-year-old transient man, and the passenger, a 34-year-old transient woman, for no-bail warrants and parole warrants. They were additionally charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor when it was discovered that they had left their three daughters, ages 10, 5 and 3, alone in a Richmond motel.

Wednesday, March 8

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a white Honda Civic parked on the 1000 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A resident on the 900 block of Neilson street reported that someone had broken into his green 2003 Subaru Outback and stolen items from inside. He later found some of his things in the street about a block away.

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — During the night someone broke into a green 2001 Toyota Tacoma parked on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue and stole tools from inside. There were no witnesses.

Friday, March 10

■ **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS** — At about 6 p.m., the janitor at Albany Middle School on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that he had just interrupted three juveniles who were attempting to steal musical instruments from the school. When they saw him, they dropped a satchel filled with instruments and fled north on foot toward the field. They were gone when officers arrived.

Saturday, March 11

on the 11300 block of San Pablo Ave.

Sunday, March 5

■ **AUTOS STOLEN** — Residents reported two vehicles taken during the night: a 1989 Toyota Camry from the 1800 block of Key Boulevard; and a 1965 Chevrolet pick-up truck from the 1600 block of Richmond Street.

Monday, March 6

■ **BROKE INTO THREE VEHICLES** — Burglars broke into three vehicles on the 2300 block of Mira Vista Drive and stole items during the night. Two of the vehicles belonged to the same owner.

■ **CIVIC STOLEN** — A 1995 Honda Civic was taken in the morning from the 400 block of Richmond Street.

■ **PURSE SNATCH** — At 7:26 p.m., a man in his late teens knocked a woman to the ground and stole her purse on the 400 block of Liberty Street.

Tuesday, March 7

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Some \$400 in cash and jewelry was taken from an unlocked 2002 Mitsubishi at Mooser Lane and King Drive some-

time between midnight and 1:30 a.m.

■ **WEAPONS** — Officers arrested a 23-year-old Albany man near Brighton and San Pablo avenues for weapon possession when he was observed carrying nun-chucks.

■ **VANDALISM** — Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. someone punctured the rear passenger tire of a black 1987 Nissan parked on the 700 block of Calhoun Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **DOUBLE AUTO BREAK-IN** — A white 1999 Chevrolet SUV and a gray 1999 Mazda were both burglarized while parked in front of Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a white Subaru Outback that was parked in the north parking lot of Golden Gate Fields on the 1100 block of Eastshore.

Sunday, March 12

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 1:30 a.m., a 28-year-old Oakland woman at the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue was arrested for disorderly conduct when she was found to be intoxicated.

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night someone threw a rock through the window of a white 1994 Dodge Ram parked on the 900 block of Kains Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. someone broke into a tan-colored BMW parked on the 800 block of Hillside Avenue.

■ **MULTIPLE ARRESTS** — At about 10:30 p.m., officers stopped a white 1984 Chevrolet van on San Pablo Avenue near Central Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 22-year-old El Cerrito man, for DUI, being drunk in public, driving with a suspended license, drug possession and drugs for sale. They also arrested the passenger, a 22-year-old El Cerrito woman, for drug possession and

drugs for sale.

Monday, March 13

■ **ROBBERY SPREE** — At about 5 p.m., officers responded to a call from Route Boulevard and Solano Avenue when a caller reported being robbed by four black males, ages 17, 17 to 18 years old, 5 feet tall, medium build, wearing a black jacket and a black hood. A friend with him was also robbed of his cell phone and cash. About 15 minutes later, a 13-year-old male was being robbed by similar males while walking home from school on the 900 block of Ramona Avenue. He said that two black males, ages 17 years of age, robbed him and one person remained in a car. He learned that two similar incidents had occurred in El Cerrito and the ones in Albany. Both incidents are being investigated.

■ **ROBBERY CONTINUES** — At about 5 p.m., a man reported being robbed by three black males, ages 17, 17 to 18 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, wearing a black jacket and a black hood. A friend with him was also robbed of his cell phone and cash. He refused to give up items, and the robber was heading east on Brighton Avenue on foot. Officers are investigating whether this incident is related to the earlier incidents and the March 7.

Weekly Summary

Officers responded to 101 alarms and 169 civil calls, stopped 94 vehicles or persons, issued 31 citations and 61 warnings. Firefighters/paramedics responded to two fire calls and medical emergencies.

— Kristin

Friday, March 10

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — Two juveniles escaped with a number of electronic items from Target after the tags from the merchandise.

■ **ACCIDENT** — A 2004 Honda Accord was taken on the 10400 block of San Pablo Avenue between 6:10 and 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11

■ **STORE MANAGER THREATENED** — A man threatened to shoot a manager at the El Cerrito Plaza shopping store at El Cerrito Plaza when the manager attempted to take him from shoplifting. The man was taken after making the threat.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A 1995 Honda Civic was taken sometime between 9 a.m. from a Honda Civic on the 900 block of Kearney Street.

■ **GARAGE SALE THEFT** — A woman was suspected of stealing cash from a garage sale on the 2800 block of Carquinez Avenue. After taking the money, a man drove her away in a silver car.

■ **ACURA VANDALIZED** — The evening, a window was smashed on a 2004 Acura of 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue. Whoever broke the window took the Acura's owners name.

Thursday, March 9

■ **LEGEND STOLEN** — A 1994 Acura Legend was taken from the 2600 block of Arlington Boulevard

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Neighbors

Project Open Hand warms stomachs, hearts

THE LATE LOIS "The Pie Queen" Davis, the eponymous founder of the North Oakland soul food restaurant that still bears her name, used to say, "There's no better way to express your love for someone than food."

And there's no better example of how right she was than Project Open Hand.

It was founded in San Francisco in 1985 by Ruth Brinker, a food service manager who began serving a nightly dinner to seven of her friends who were dying from AIDS.

Four years later, Project Open Hand started serving community meals in the East Bay. Today, it provides 2,500 bags of groceries and more than 11,000 meals each week to people in San Francisco and Alameda counties.

Most of its clients in San Francisco are people with HIV. In the East Bay, it's mostly people of the Bay are old people. The two groups have very different nutritional needs.

"With AIDS patients, we try to get as many calories into them as possible," says Brinker. "But with seniors, we have to be careful about their caloric intake. We don't want to clog up their arteries or raise their blood pressure. So we're cooking two different meals each day. It's a real challenge for the kitchen."

People's tastes also change as they get older.

"Their taste buds start to fade, so what's palatable to a senior may not be palatable to you or me," says Brinker. "So we have to constantly listen to their comments and tweak the menus accordingly."

But the seniors don't always say everything they ask for. Some things popular with seniors may not be the best for their health, like macaroni and cheese. So we'll give them a little variation as a side dish, like a meatloaf or an entrée."

Meals not only have to be good; they have to look good. Each meal has to be nutritious, complete, because it's the only thing they eat," says Brinker. "But if you're everything together, you end up with beige food. We have to be very careful to make sure the meals are visually appealing."

Project Open Hand delivers meals to about 500 seniors in



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

Alameda County, including 200 in Berkeley, where I live.

The meals used to be delivered to the North Berkeley Senior Center, where volunteers would come by, pick them up, and deliver them to the seniors.

The only problem was that the meals would cool down while waiting for the volunteers to pick them up, and they'd arrive at the seniors' doorsteps a little stale.

So last month a new system was inaugurated. Now the volunteers come to the Project Open Hand kitchen in Oakland and take the meals directly to the seniors from there. Devine estimates that it's cutting the delivery time by at least 30 minutes.

The only downside is that some volunteers, many of whom are seniors themselves, don't like to drive to Oakland. So a lot of them have dropped out.

"Temporarily, our staffers are making the deliveries themselves, on top of their regular duties, but they can't keep it up forever," says Devine. "We need a new generation of volunteers."

Could that be you? It isn't much of a time commitment — just a couple of hours once a week. A small price to pay for all the good you'll be doing.

The hot, nutritious dinner these folks get from Project Open Hand is often the only square meal they get all day.

And since many of them have outlived all their friends, the daily visit from a Project Open Hand volunteer might be their only human contact.

If you live in Berkeley or one of the neighboring communities, like Oakland, Emeryville, Albany or El Cerrito, it isn't a long drive — just to 34th and San Pablo. To volunteer, call 510-596-8200. And if you'd like to donate to this worthy effort — either cash, food or equipment, call the donor hotline at 415-447-2419.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

OF THE WEEK

The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley Bay Humane Society.

7-month-old female black and white domestic short hair cat; 3 1/2-year-old female Manx cat; 3-year-old female gray tabby medium hair (DMH); 1-year-old male dilute tortoiseshell cat (DLH); 8-month-old orange tabby DSH; 6-year-old Siamese tortoiseshell snow-white DLH; 4-year-old male black and white tabby DLH; 7-month-old black and white DSH; 1-year-old male gray tabby DSH; 4-year-old black DLH; 6-month-old tabby DSH.

4-month-old female black and brown Jack Russell terrier; 9-month-old female tan beaver mix; 10-month-old black and tan beaver/husky mix; 11-month-old brown Labrador/shepherd mix; 1 1/2-year-old male yellow Labrador mix; 2-year-old black and tan Manchester/MinPin mix; 2-year-old liver and white beaver springer spaniel mix; 3-year-old male tricolor beagle; 5-year-old female black and tan Rottweiler/German shepherd mix.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$75. Including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate vaccinations. There is an overnight hold at The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 1400 12th St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or 510-845-7735.

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FACES & PLACES

Fairmont students warming to solar science

Fairmont Elementary School will use solar technology to prepare food for an upcoming spring festival.

The "solar cookout," led by science teacher Daneen Cali, will teach students about solar energy, how solar cookers work, and how to construct a simple solar oven.

The event, which will be open to the public, will be held at 12:30 p.m. on May 31. A \$2,500 "bright ideas" grant from PG&E and the National Endowment for Energy Development is funding the effort.

Fairmont is located at 724 Kearney St.

— Alan Lopez

EARTHQUAKE CENTENNIAL: Albany will hold a San Francisco Earthquake Centennial event on April 22 as part of an effort to help residents prepare for a disaster.

The event will include fire extinguisher demonstrations; a fire and earthquake training trailer; disaster kits for sale; and information from local agencies, including the Albany fire and police department about how to be safe and self-sufficient during a disaster.

The event, which will include refreshments, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the fire station, 1000 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-528-5775 or go online at www.albanyca.org.

— Alan Lopez

BOOK DISCUSSION: Berkeley historian Richard Schwartz will discuss his new book, "Earthquake Exodus 1906" at the next meeting of the El Cerrito Historical Society.

Schwartz is the author of "Berkeley 1900." His new book tells how Berkeley and other



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

AFTER GETTING steaming hot pancakes from the grill, Cathy Nguyen rushes them to the tables during the 35th annual Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast last Saturday benefiting El Cerrito public parks. This year's entertainment included a puppet show with life-size puppets, the Portola Jazz Ensemble, and fire trucks and firefighters from the El Cerrito Fire Department.

East Bay cities accepted refugees from the San Francisco earthquake. The presentation will precede refreshments and a historical society business meeting.

The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. For more information, call Tom Panas at 510-526-7507.

— Alan Lopez

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: The Albany Senior Center will host its annual White Elephant and Bake sale on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be baked goods, toys, plants, jewelry and other items at bargain prices. All are welcome.

Donations for the sale (clean out your cupboards, closets and drawers) are appreciated, and will be accepted until April 7. Please do not donate electronic equipment.

For more information, call the Albany Senior Center at 510-524-9122.

— Craig Lazzeretti

HEALING MUSES CONCERT: The Healing Muses concert series presents "A Celebration of Robert Burns" on Saturday, March 25 at 8 p.m. at

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany.

The event will feature the songs, poems and letters of Scotland's national poet, and the fiddle tunes that inspired him, in a theatrical setting.

Karl Goldstein will perform as Robert Burns. Other performers will be Susan Rode Morris (soprano); Shira Kammen (Scottish fiddle); Julie Jeffrey (viola da gamba); and Phebe Craig (harpichord).

Tickets are \$18 general, and \$15 for students and seniors. Advance reservations are recommended. For tickets or reservations, call 510-524-5661 or visit www.healingmuses.org.

— Craig Lazzeretti

PRESCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT: Mondo Bambini, a full-immersion Italian preschool in Berkeley, will host a family night and social hour on Saturday, April 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Finnish Hall, 1970 Chestnut St. The cost is \$20 per family (up to two adults and two children of any age; additional adults or children over 2 are \$5 each).

Families currently enrolled as well as interested family and community members are welcome to attend. The event is bilingual, and open to all Ital-

ian and English speakers. Italian cold cuts and cookies will be served.

The deadline to RSVP and pay is March 24. Write checks to Mondo Bambini and send to Angelo Del Priore, 914 Pomona Ave., Albany, CA 94706. For further information, e-mail East-BayBimbi@yahoo.com.

— Craig Lazzeretti

WAVING MAN TRIBUTE: Joseph Charles, the Berkeley Waving Man, has been gone for four years, but he isn't forgotten.

Every morning for 30 years, from 1962 to 1992, he stood in front of his house on the corner of Oregon and Martin Luther King and waved to the morning commute traffic, calling, "Keep smiling!" and "Have a good day!"

In the process, he became a legend. People would drive for miles out of their way, just so they could start off their day waving to the Waving Man.

Mr. Charles died in 2002 at age 92. But Wednesday, on what would have been his 96th birthday, students from the Berkeley-Albany-Emeryville NAACP Youth Council will stand in front of his house from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and wave to the cars in his memory.

"We're going to wear yellow construction workers' gloves, just like the ones he wore, and carry signs reading, 'Keep smiling' and 'Have a good day,'" said Youth Council President Sean Dugar.

Event organizer Denisha DeLane, who remembers waving to Mr. Charles when she was a girl every Sunday on her way to church, says this will be an annual event.

"We're going to pass on a great Berkeley tradition to the next generation," she said.

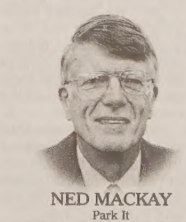
— Martin Snapp

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Park district attempting to acquire Breuner Marsh

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT directors have put into motion the legal process for eminent domain acquisition of the Breuner Marsh, a 218-acre property adjacent to Pt. Pinole Regional Shoreline in Richmond. At the end of a public hearing March 7, the park board unanimously approved a resolution of need and necessity, which declares that an impasse has been reached in purchase negotiations with the current property owner, and that it is in the public interest to acquire the property as a parkland and nature preserve.

Breuner Marsh is a bayfront property located at the end of Goodnick Avenue, just south of Point Pinole and across the Union-Pacific railroad tracks from Richmond's Parchester



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Park It

Village development.

The property includes open water, mudflats, tidal marsh, uplands and habitat for a variety of shoreline wildlife, some of which are protected species. There are no buildings or other development on the land, except for a strip of pavement used for model airplane landings. Current owners are Bay

Area Wetlands and Don and Lonne Carr.

According to a park district staff report, the acquisition will protect valuable wildlife habitat, help to round out public ownership of Point Pinole, and allow completion of a section of the San Francisco Bay Trail. The district has met frequently with representatives of the property owners and has made a formal purchase offer. But there has been no agreement on a purchase price for the property, and a state of impasse now exists. In response to concerns voiced by officials from the city of Richmond, the district has excluded from its purchase plans a 20-acre parcel

of developable land at the property's southeast corner, which the city has zoned as "industrial/office flex."

Based on a fair market value, the cost of acquisition is expected to be \$1 million — \$892,000 for the property and the remainder for appraisal, legal fees and administrative expenses.

Approval of the resolution of need and necessity is the first step toward acquisition by eminent domain. Negotiations on the purchase price can continue, and if no agreement is reached, the price will be determined through court proceedings.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

GUEST COMMENTARY

Quality education for each child, each day

By Sheila Jordan

ALL STUDENTS deserve a high quality, well-rounded education. That much is clear. The question is, how can we be sure they receive it? And how can we hold ourselves accountable for it, and for the success of every child?

Integrating arts into classroom learning is central to answering these questions.

During March, which is Art IS Education month, we can see the strong link between quality education and learning through the arts. This is an important first step to understanding why art truly IS education.

The Alameda County Office of Education has formed an Alliance for Arts Learning Leadership (Alliance for ALL) composed of parents, teachers, students, artists, education activists and community members dedicated to bringing arts learning into all 18 school districts. Their guiding belief states that the purpose of education is to create a healthy and equitable society, and I embrace this belief. The arts are essential to the cultivation of self so that every student can grow into full citizenship and live a full, productive and participatory life.

At any of the 16 Arts Learning Anchor Schools in Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville, you will see children learning and understanding math, science, social studies and language through the integration of the arts. You will see children who are engaged in school — the special needs child building vocabulary through visual arts; the gifted child challenged to think deeply through complexities of music or drama; the disconnected child struggling, succeeding and smiling through movement.

Every child is exercising his or her right to learn in the way most meaningful for him or her. These are truly equitable classrooms. We know how to create

these great classrooms by using the arts as a pathway for learning.

Public education is the most critical social issue before us today if we are to assure the future of a working democracy. And yet how we hold ourselves accountable for high-quality education increasingly is debated.

Most measures we use are inadequate to tell us what children really know. A test score is a number, but the arts open windows to what children know now and can inform our thinking about what to teach next.

The arts make children's learning visible. Alameda County school events during Art IS Education month vividly demonstrate how the arts engage the whole child, developing knowledge and skills for lifelong success.

As a leader for arts learning in school districts nationwide, the Alameda County Office of Education has situated the arts squarely in the center of our strategy to improve our schools.

We are part of a national initiative to create public understanding of the role of arts in learning. Our strategic plan from the Alliance for ALL addresses the question of how we create equitable learning environments for every child in every school in every district in our county.

I share the Alliance's vision of arts learning for ALL: every child, every school, every day. This is a shared vision we can realize together that can develop well-rounded youngsters prepared for success in the classroom and in life, ready to participate in a bright future that benefits us all. Art IS Education is something we believe in and celebrate year-round.

Jordan is superintendent of schools for Alameda County. To learn more about Art IS Education and see what events are happening in your area at go to www.artiseducation.org.

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City Council — Meets at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays at the City Hall Council Chamber.

Community Development — Includes planning, building and maintenance. 510-528-5760

Web site: www.albanyca.org
EL CERRITO
City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

Mayor Janet Abelson
City Council — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays in the Garden Room of the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. 510-215-4305.

Public Works — Report problems with city trees and sidewalks, burned-out street lights, potholes and clogged storm drains. 510-215-4392.

Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

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Police Protection and Community Services District — Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, except August, at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Ad-

dresses Police Department, Parks and Recreation and solid waste issues. 510-526-4141.

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Non-emergency

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El Cerrito, Kensington Fire — 510-215-4450.

El Cerrito Police — 510-237-3233.
Kensington Police — 510-233-1214; business line 510-526-4141.

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Water services — East Bay Municipal Utility District. 510-287-1380, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, or 510-835-3000 after 4:30 p.m.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We're Italian, but it is St. Patrick's Day.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A confiscatory tax

The balloting for a higher and more confiscatory tax for El Cerrito landscaping and lighting is not needed, and the ballots should be returned with a definite "no" marked on them.

The reasons are: Dedicated funding is already in place with the existing assessment; the general fund, already awash with cash from the unconscionably high utility tax, should be more than adequate for shortfall, if any; certain landscaping priorities are badly misplaced; and you would be voting for an ever-increasing tax — more every year.

This latest grab for more taxes is based on fear — absolutely no need for that — and the premise of "Who wouldn't be for this?"

Who wouldn't be for this are those of us who believe maintenance of street and road surfaces, for one, is far more important than aesthetic traffic choking. (I prefer the more accurate term "choking" rather than "calming.")

In some limited instances, road or street medians can be useful, but in a semi-arid climate where water will be ever more scarce and expensive, it is wrong and immoral to plant grass (especially grass) and other plants needing constant irrigation.

Such median strips should not be there and certainly not financed by taxpayers. In addition to the cost of watering, think of the cost and maintenance of the irrigation system and the constant mowing and gardening costs.

This proposed increase in LLAD funding is nothing but the latest ploy to grab more money from you. And please note and remember the proposed increase in assessment is not for a set amount; it is for an amount that will increase each and every year.

You must vote "no" on this proposed assessment. If you have already voted, it is possible to withdraw your vote and vote again.

Tom Smithberger
El Cerrito

Expensive sidewalk clutter?

The intersection of San Pablo and Fairmount avenues in El Cerrito has new pedestrian signs. Why are we spending tax dollars to tear up city sidewalks to add unnecessary metal posts? Most intersections have the pedestrian signs mounted to the existing traffic signal posts, which work great and are easy to see.

This new post on the west side of this intersection hampers wheelchair access, besides being an eyesore.

I realize this is under Caltrans jurisdiction; shouldn't Caltrans be communicating with the city when it takes on projects within city limits? Let's keep our pedestrian signs mounted on traffic signal posts and our sidewalks clear of unnecessary metal.

I wonder what the cost was for this pedestrian project.

Rochelle Kohl
El Cerrito

El Cerrito police at district schools

As reported in the March 10 Journal, at a recent City Council meeting, "El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland said he would like to see more than one police officer on duty throughout the El Cerrito schools within the WCCUSD."

There is presently one El Cerrito police officer at El Cerrito High and, as a

weekly volunteer in the FTSA-sponsored Parent Safety Patrol, I wish to strongly endorse Chief Kirkland's proposal.

The arrival of our school resource officer, provided by the El Cerrito police and funded by the school district, has had a dramatic, positive effect on the campus atmosphere. The professional conduct of the El Cerrito police has, in a few short months, addressed nagging problems that the underfunded and relatively poorly trained and understaffed school district police have been unable to remedy.

Officer Jeff Albrandt, along with the well-coordinated support of his fellow El Cerrito Police Department officers, has been able to respond to a tremendous array of problems and challenges. Whenever backup has been needed, his fellow officers, who have all been able to visit him on the campus during school, have been able to immediately respond, being familiar with the physical layout and people at the school.

Officer Albrandt has taken on the task of training the participants of the Parent Safety Patrol. His efforts have been so well received by the school district, that most of the other high schools are modeling their parent volunteer programs on his efforts.

To continue and expand this extremely successful program, the City Council and the school district should quickly endorse Chief Kirkland's proposal and expand it to the entire district and its numerous municipalities.

With the current \$1 billion upgrade investment in our schools, the time has come to raise the education standards across the board; such ambitious aims must begin with the safety of our children in all of their schools.

Michael O'Connor
El Cerrito

Support for initiative

I support the Albany Waterfront Specific Plan Initiative, which allows for a comprehensive plan for the entire shoreline.

For me, this issue is not about tax revenues or even about how Albany will or will not benefit from a big retail/condominium development. The bigger issue is the legacy we leave for future generations.

Everywhere I go, there is more building — homes, shopping centers and big business complexes, with their attendant parking lots. The whole world is being covered with cement. Is this what our children should have to live with?

We need to preserve whatever open space we still have, as we are fast running out of land, anywhere and everywhere. I am at the Albany shoreline a lot just to enjoy an environment free from commercialism.

What about thoughtfully planned open space? The Caruso plan suggests only a 2½-acre open area along the shoreline in

contrast to the 45 acres he wants to develop, with its attendant parking lots.

A few more years of planning will do much to ask when compared with the of land once a retail complex is built. It will give Albany residents a chance to consider the alternatives to a Southern California-style mall.

I urge every Albany resident to support this initiative and to sign the petition put it on the November ballot. Be proud that you helped to preserve our shoreline.

Diane Ichijasu

Ichijasu is a member of Citizens East Shore Parks and Citizens for All Shoreline.

Not in Albany's best interest

The initiative presented by the Sierra Club and Citizens for East Shore Park is not in Albany's best interests for many reasons.

It supplants local government and legitimate function. It permanently locks in planning decisions without careful environmental, planning or citizen review. The initiative ignores the fact that the City Council is elected by Albany voters and no one has elected the organization to seek to control the process.

The proposed "task force" that controls the process is stacked in favor of the Sierra Club plan that ignores legitimate needs and interests of the Albany community. Those in favor of the initiative must be the present government is not sufficient to favor to their point of view or is sufficiently hostile to Golden Gate Park.

No Environmental Impact Report (EIR) of the plan would be required before the vote on the initiative, even though the initiative would severely restrict planning options. This is in contrast to any proposal by a project applicant that would be subject to an EIR review by any citizens vote.

In shortcut, the proposed initiative another attempt by the Sierra Club and CESP to prevent voters from evaluating a legitimate proposal for a portion of private property on our waterfront.

Ruth Gaudin

Inept City Council

At a March 6 Albany City Council meeting, the council members voted to put on the June ballot a measure to increase property taxes by approximately \$100 to pay for storm-drain improvements.

They also voted to use money from Measure F, funds that can be used to pair storm drains, to improve a baseball field. This was done although there are funds available from Measure R, which was passed to provide funding for parks, open space and athletic fields. It cannot be used to repair storm drains.

The council also plans to put a measure on the November ballot asking voters to pay for a \$6.5 million bond to repair streets and storm drains — a measure about which Albany Mayor Allan Maris has been quoted as stating, "This is a good start but we need to do more."

Why a \$100 tax increase in June will much will the bond measure increase property taxes? How much is more?

It appears the council members do not really clear on what they want or if Albany residents should pay for it.

Stephanie T...

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Libraries offer place for entire community

To honor the cooperative where you deny yourselves for the betterment of the community — that is the concept that is in danger of losing."

— From Janny Scott's "Where 'Buy Low and Sell High' are Fighting Words," March 10, 2006, New York Times



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

It's just a matter of freedom."

That is definitely true — most owners have the freedom to charge what they want, controlled only by what buyers are willing to pay. But is it in the best interest of the greater good? That question is what most fascinates me. I tried to think of how we — as a society — encourage people to put the greater good first. Is this a lesson we learn in school? Do parents teach it to their children? How do we know to do this?

Certainly our government is based on this principle. Taxes are collected so that — in theory, anyway — everyone will benefit. We drive on roads, send our children to schools, are protected by a police force, are ruled by laws, and use public libraries — all paid for by

the citizens. I can't help wondering, though, if we would continue to do this, given the choice.

This concept is challenging in a capitalist society, where we are torn between taking care of ourselves and doing what's best for those around us. Perhaps if there were enough for everyone, it would be easier.

Years ago, I was involved in a program called "Talking About Vietnam." It was held at Work Furlough in Oakland, and during one of the post-movie discussions, a heated argument broke out between a man who had emigrated from Vietnam and a Vietnam veteran.

The veteran was furious that his government and his taxes were supporting this man. It struck me then — and it has stayed with me — that perhaps if there were sufficient resources for both of them, there wouldn't have been a problem.

The vet didn't feel taken care of, and so he didn't see why someone else should be. Neither of these men felt connected to each other — there was no community feeling, no shared appreciation for being

part of a greater whole. And yet they actually had much in common — starting with the facts that they were both at Work Furlough, both in need of money and work, and both deeply affected by the Vietnam War.

How is this related to public libraries? I see libraries as good examples of ways communities do come together. Public libraries are defined by the notion that they strive to meet the diverse needs of a diverse population. Each library user takes away something different, whether it is the answer to a question, a book for entertainment, use of the Internet or attendance at a program.

By supporting libraries, communities are helping everyone. And support them they do: Bond measures pass in community after community because the voters are able to look beyond their own individual needs and see that serving the whole is the right thing to do.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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Hours: Monday, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, closed; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library's teen movie program continues with a series of films by legendary anime director Hayao Miyazaki on the first Wednesday of the month. The following films are planned: April 5: The Cat Returns; May 3: My Neighbor Totoro; June 7: Kiki's Delivery Service; July 5: Spirited Away. This program is aimed at middle- and high-schoolers. All films are shown in the Edith Stone Room. They start at 5 p.m. and finish by 7:15 p.m. at the latest. For information, visit the teen area at the Albany Library or contact Teen Services Librarian Julia Witwer at Ext. 20.

■ Free drop-in homework help is available for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Mondays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17 or e-mail jwinkelstein@acilibrary.org.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Boland. The singalongs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. For information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.
510-526-7512 or www.cccilb.org

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library on Saturday at 11 a.m. for a family story time titled "Turtles and Frogs — Stories and Crafts." Listen to stories about pond creatures — some green and hoppy and

some brown-shelled and slow. Make an egg carton turtle or an origami jumping frog to take home. For information, call the library.

■ Join James Janko for a talk and reading from his debut novel, "Buffalo Boy and Geronimo," on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Janko presents a powerful view of the war in Vietnam and its impact on nature and the personal struggles of Vietnamese civilians and a GI.

■ Readers Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month, March 28: "Queen of Dreams" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni; April 25: "The Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard; May 23: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr; June 27: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its Internet docents will help you learn as much or as little as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
510-524-3043 or www.cccilb.org

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be held Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. It will discuss Willa Cather's "Death Comes for the Archbishop." Future titles are as follows: April 24: "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle; May 22: "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway; June 26: "A Fine Balance" by Rohinton Mistry; July 24: "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London; Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Ventriologist Tony Borders and his puppets will present an adventurous storytime on Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Jan Robitscher and her dog Christmas will teach how dogs interact and work with the visually impaired on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Family story times are held Tuesdays evenings at 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

— Craig Lazeretti

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

THEATRE ENSEMBLE: Theater Ensembles presents two productions, on successive weekends, beginning with "Little Shop of Horrors" on Thursday, March 23, and Saturday, March 25, followed by "Parallel Lives" on Thursday, March 26, and Saturday, March 30-April 1. Shows begin at 8 p.m. in the Little Shop of Horrors. Tickets, at \$5 for students and \$10 for adults, will be sold at the door. Information is available at 510-558-2500, Ext. 2579.

EMBRACING: The following students are finalists for the USA Bio Exam: Cathy Wu, Z Wang, Mia, Jackie Quinn, Ben Olson, and Mitchell Celeja. They will go on to the second exam to compete for a chance to participate in national finals in Virginia in June.

PRESENTATION: Embracing Diversity and Albany High School present "Sound and Fury" on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in the High School Library. A 2001 Emmy Award nominee for best documentary, this film tells the story of one young child with cochlear implants who can stimulate and facilitated discussion will follow. Admission is free, donations welcome, and the site is easily accessible. For more information about Embracing Diversity, contact Sally Douglas Arce at sallyd@alco.com or 510-527-1328; or Talmon-Gilkinson at ir@alco.com; or www.embracingdiversityfilms.org, a Web site dedicated to Ben Weinstein, AHS Class of '99.

EXCHANGE MEETING: If you need the AFS Foreign Exchange last week and want information about summer or semester study programs, brochures are available at the counseling office.

SHIP: The counseling office applications for the Joseph & Mary Villa Rotary Foundation Scholarship seniors. The emphasis for scholarship is on the student's outstanding work-related experience in high school. The candidate's academic record, extracurricular activities and a short statement will be evaluated. Students with average points are encouraged to



BOB MENZIMER

CLEARLY UNAWARE that doting on a plant can be a dangerous game are these characters from "Little Shop of Horrors," presented by the Albany High School Theater Ensemble from March 23-25 at 8 p.m. in the school's Little Theater. Clockwise, from top: Parker Menzimer (Mushnik), Emily Mabanglo (Seymour), Ellen Streit (Audrey) and James Higgins (Orin).

apply, as well as students who will attend a vocational school, two-year, or four-year college or university. Applications are due March 24. Many AHS students have received this scholarship.

FESTIVAL TRANSPORTATION: Students are to arrange their own rides or carpools to the CMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday at CSU East Bay Hayward. If you don't have the schedule, check with Mr. Lilienthal.

COLLEGE HANDBOOK: The updated Albany High version of "The College Application Handbook for Seniors/Juniors and their Parent" is now available. The \$6 charge covers the printing costs. This is the handbook that the counselors have advertised during the 10th grade conferences. Copies are

available in the counseling office, and exact change is very helpful. The handbook includes 90 pages of information for the college-bound student. This is an excellent booklet to understand the college-application process.

CHOIRS MEETING: There will be a meeting on Monday, March 20 at lunch in room 22 for students interested in being a part of any of the Albany high school choirs. There are big changes happening for next year, so you don't want to miss this meeting. The best part is that you don't have to prepare anything, just show up. Interested? Have a question? See Mr. Ulrich in room 22 for more information.

IIC MEETING: The March Instructional Improvement Council (IIC) meeting has been rescheduled for next Thursday,

March 23, at 7 p.m. in the principal's conference room.

COMMENDATIONS: Congratulations to Erik Bernhardt, Rebecca Molinari and Alice Reichman for being awarded commendations at the Model United Nations Conference at UC Berkeley the weekend of March 11. Twenty AHS students participated in this event, which brought together 1,300 students from all over the United States for three days of simulated international diplomacy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ms. Hazen at AMS needs volunteers to help her ELI class practice conversational English. The class is 8:45-9:45 a.m. See Ms. Burns in the counseling office if you're interested.

A'S TICKETS: Purchase field level tickets to eight A's games and help support AHS baseball, which makes \$10 from each \$30 ticket you purchase. The ticket price is the same as tickets purchased from the A's, minus the service fee — so you save and AHS baseball gains. The order deadline is Saturday, and order forms are available in the AHS and AMS offices or at <http://eteamz.active.com/AHSCougarBaseball/handouts>.

Albany Middle School

COUNSELORS MEETING: On March 28 the Albany High School counselors will be talking with all eighth graders about high school course selections in their English classes. There will be parent information nights on Tuesday, March 28, and Wednesday, March 29, for which more information will be forthcoming.

CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING: Assistant Superintendent Maria Stephenson will be holding a curriculum council meeting on March 21, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the library. She is thinking of holding quarterly meetings and needs a parent who is willing to be part of the AMS team. Anyone interested should contact school secretary Jazz at 510-558-3615.

AWARD WINNERS: Two students have won the Frederick Douglass Reading and Writing is Power Award. Matt McKenzie from Mrs. Bilbo's class and Sabrina Khan from Ms. Heathcock's class will receive \$25 gift certificates from Barnes and Nobel.

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EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

ARCHIVE PROJECT: The ECHS Archive Project is looking for someone who is experienced in museum lighting and installation who could lend their knowledge and guidance to the committee for its museum at the new high school. The school's architects have started to ask the archive committee questions about colors, size and lights of the museum's displays. More than 300 items will become a rotating display of the school's unique and rich history. If you have experience in this area and would like to help out by being a consultant, please contact either Lu Tipping at tipping1@aol.com or Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@comcast.net.

GRADUATION LEIS: Graduation leis are on sale for \$15. They will be available for pick-up Thursday, June 8. Details will be provided in June. Leis need to be pre-ordered and paid for before Friday, May 19. Proceeds benefit Grad Nite. For more information, e-mail Connie Kucera at cchan2429@aol.com or Rapunzel Martinez at rmartinez@placertitle.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Leadership

class needs help setting up for Junior Prom on April 1 at HS Lordships on the Berkeley Marina. Set-up will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All help is welcome. Set-up will include blowing up balloons and setting up floating candles. If you are available, contact Josephine Ayankoya at missgracia5389@aol.com.

GRAD NIGHT: A "Day at the Races" brunch will be held Sunday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Golden Gate Fields. The first race is at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$35 per adult, and includes admission, preferred/valet parking, daily racing program, a buffet-style luncheon and a race named in your honor where four people will win a chance to take a photo with the winning jockey and horse. There will be raffles between races, with a grand prize of \$1,000. Suggested donation is \$5 per ticket, or \$20 for five tickets. Please send responses and money by March 27 to ECHS Grad Night c/o Teresa Brooks, 5341 Creely Ave., Richmond, CA 94804. For more information, call Teresa Brooks at 510-237-0887.

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Coming Up

Children/teens

■ **Shamrock Day** — March 17, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Green art activities & a hunt for hidden pots of gold. 3-5 p.m., Celtic music with Shamrock Celtic Band. Free. Details: 510-647-1111 or habitat.org.

■ **Resource Fair** — For Berkeley elementary school parents, March 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., LeConte Elementary School, 2241 Russell St., Berkeley. Features free information about Berkeley summer camps, children's sports leagues & financial aid, free consultations with lawyers & healthcare experts, Berkeley Special Education services information. Spanish translation, refreshments provided. Details: Charity 510-883-5244.

■ **Teen Theatre Conference** — March 18, 1-5:45 p.m., Berkeley Rep School of Theatre, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. "Improving the Quality of High-School Theatre" symposium presents seminars led by theater professionals, panel discussions. Details: berkeleyrep.org or 510-647-2972.

■ **CAHSEE Prep Classes** — Saturdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m., through March 18, El Cerrito High School, 540 Ashbury St., El Cerrito. Kaplan K12 Learning Services gives free prep classes for California High School Exit Exam. Class improves skills in English language arts and math, with small groups and personalized attention. Details: Alison 510-817-3854 or kaptest.com/k12/support/state_assessment.html.

■ **Los Amiguitos de la Pena** — Children's programs at 10:30 a.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. March 18, Orange Sherbet. March 25, Lydia Mills. April 1, Juanita Ulloa & Ginny Morgan. April 15, Estela Knott & David Berzonsky. April 22, Colibri. Tickets: \$3-4. Details: lapena.org.

■ **Berkeley Youth Arts Festival** — Through April 1, Wednesdays-Sundays 12-5 p.m., Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Theme is "Super Heroes," celebrates achievements of Berkeley High School Arts and Humanities Academy. Advanced Placement art students. Includes visual art exhibition, several performing & literary events, workshops. Free admission to gallery & events. Details: 510-644-6893 or bjerkeleyartcenter.org.

■ **California Shakespeare Theater** — Classes for Youth (ages 4-18) at Gal Shakes Rehearsal Hall, 701 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. April 3-7, "Spring Break Musical Theatre Audition Intensive." April 10-14, "Spring Break Playshop." Details: Erin 510-548-3422 x127, learn@calshakes.org, or calshakes.org.

■ **Kidpower Seminars** — Programs address personal safety, confidence, advocacy, self-protection skills. April 9, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Teenpower Introductory Full Force Workshop for Teens ages 13-17. Details/registra-

tion: kidpower.org, 831-426-4407, 510-881-2262 or safety@kidpower.org.

■ **Youth TV Camp** — April 10-14, 1-5 p.m., 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. Berkeley Community Media teaches kids 13-20 years old how to write, shoot, direct, edit their own television shows to be aired on cable TV. Cost: \$200 includes year-long membership to Berkeley Community Media. Details: Crescent 510-848-2288 x13 or crescent@bcv.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley** — One Centennial Drive, Berkeley. April 10, 12-2 p.m., Earthquake Day. — April 10-14, 17-19, 22, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m., Auditorium, Quakes and Shakes; learn about earthquake engineering. — April 12, 12-2 p.m., Volcanoes! Explore earth's crust. — April 14 & 20, 12-2 p.m., Creepy Crawlies; insect-inspired activities for visitors 3-7. — April 18, 12-2 p.m., Anniversary of 1906 Quake. "Be prepared." — April 21, 12-2 p.m., Ken Bergmann's "Percussion Discussion," make your own percussion instruments. Details: lawrencehall-science.org.

Music

■ **Junior Bach Festival** — March 17, 19, 24, 25 at 7 p.m.; March 25 at 3 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. — March 18, 19, 3:30 p.m., Crowden Music Center, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. — March 26, 3 p.m., Berkeley Piano Club, 2724 Haste St., Berkeley. Features local musicians ages 7-21. Tickets: \$7-\$12. Details: juniorbach.org or 510-843-2224.

■ **Jazzschool** — 2087 Addison St., Berkeley. March 18, 8 p.m., Kudisan K12. \$12-\$15. — March 19, 4:30 p.m., Bay Area Middle School Jazz Showcase. \$5-\$15. — March 19, 7:30 p.m., Bob Marley Student Ensemble. Free. — March 26, 4:30 p.m., Celia Mahlerios. \$15. — April 1, 8 p.m., Eric Person & Meta-Four. \$12-\$15. — April 2, 4:30 p.m., Enrico Pieranunzi. \$15-\$18. Details: 510-845-5373 or jazzschool.com.

■ **Benefit Recital** — March 18, 8 p.m., Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Soprano Jillian Khuner sings works of Barber, Brahms, Puccini, Gounod, Granada. Proceeds benefit Berkeley Community Chorus \$30 donation includes wine & food reception. Tickets/details: 510-601-1718.

■ **Bach Collegium Japan** — March 18, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. Masaki Suzuki conducts. Tickets: \$42; 510-642-9988 or calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Benefit Recital** — March 18, 8 p.m., Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Soprano Jillian Khuner sings works of Barber, Brahms, Puccini, Gounod, Granada. Also features Berkeley Opera's Alex Kaplan, Finnish baritone Ville Telkki. Proceeds benefit Berkeley Community Chorus. Donation: \$30, includes wine & food extravaganza. Tickets/details: 510-601-1718 or 510-549-1336.

■ **"Bernstein Bash" concert** — March 19, 3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. San Francisco Chamber Orchestra features guests soprano Anja Strauss & Roberto Parlas Gomez. Free. Details: 415-248-1640 or sfchamberorchestra.org.

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Albany

FROM PAGE A5

LOST AND FOUND: In the office are a number of small lost and found items, such as house keys, eyeglasses, cell phones and an inhaler. If you are missing any of these small items, please come to the office and claim them.

WRESTLING NEWS: Congratulations to the AMS wrestlers for their second-place finish at the Creekside Middle School Tournament. Individual champions were Brian Bernard, Mitch McEwing, Alex Holt, Aaron Pen-Kruger, Andrew Reggi, Jacob Purkey, Jeff Stone, Faroz Zaman and Salman Zaman.

SPRING PICTURES: On Monday, March 20, spring pictures will take place in the library. Everyone should plan on having his/her picture taken. You may purchase the pictures or return them.

DONATIONS: The school always accepts donations of used printer cartridges and old cell phones, to raise money for its garden. Drop them off in the office or outside room 110. Aluminum cans may also be donated — look for the white bucket outside room 110.

Cornell Elementary

FLOWER SALE: The PTA's spring flower and bulb sale runs through Monday, March 20. Order forms and payments must be turned in to the office by the end of the school day on the 20th. The plants are guaranteed to bloom or they will be replaced for free. Information and brochures went home with all students, but one important piece of information that was omitted is that checks should be made out to Cornell PTA, (not Dutch Mill). The PTA gets 50 percent of the proceeds. This money is used to support school programs, purchase school supplies and equipment, and fund PTA-sponsored school events and projects. The classes that sell the most will each get a lemonade and strawberries party. For more information, contact Karen at 415-865-7212 (work), 510-525-1356 or danielmom@sbcglobal.net.

SPRING CONFERENCES: This year, spring conferences are by request of the teacher and/or the parents. Your

child's teacher is sending you a letter indicating whether the teacher recommends a conference. If the teacher recommends a conference, please fill out your preferred times on the form, and return it to the teacher promptly. A copy of the report card will be given to you at the conference. If you are not having a conference, a copy of the report card will be sent home with your child before spring break. A signed copy will need to be sent back to the classroom teacher.

AFTER-SCHOOL SAFETY: Cornell's after-school safety practice calls for all students to go directly home after dismissal or wait for pickup in designated areas — the picnic tables on the Cornell Avenue side and the benches on the Talbot Avenue side. Students are not allowed to play or wait on the structure or playground after they are dismissed. The entire playground and structure are reserved for Cornell's PE classes all day every day. The structure and playground are closed to the public, including dismissed students, until 3:30, after all students have left the campus for home.

DONATIONS: Cornell has been collecting donations of canned and packaged non-perishable food since December. It plans to continue with this program through this school year. So, remember to send food with your child when you feel you can. These items will be donated to the Alameda Food Bank. We have placed the barrel just outside the office door.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: Please continue to bring in old cell phones, BART tickets and laser or inkjet cartridges. It's making a big difference to not only for our environment but our budget as well. Please note — Cornell cannot process remanufactured cartridges.

ALBANY PAL: The Albany Police Activities League is sponsoring KuruKulu, a self-defense, empowerment and life skills class for girls ages 9-13. This class is being offered on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 from March 8 through May 31, excluding April 12, in the AMS art room. Girls must be a member of APAL to participate in this free program. There is a \$10 membership fee to join APAL. For information,

call 510-526-7855.

GREENATHON: Spring is upon us, and it's time to plan for the next Greenathon. The official date is Saturday, April 22, which is also Earth Day. For those landscape committee members who are new to this spring event, the Greenathon is a Cornell fund-raiser that focuses on the continued greening of Cornell through education and landscape improvements. It is a fun event for kids and their families to do nature-related projects and eat some tasty and healthy food from the garden. This year Cornell is in the planning phase for the Cornell Edible School Garden, and the Greenathon is an important event that will bring attention and volunteer energy to this green effort. Please come to the planning meeting on Sunday, March 26, at 10 a.m. at the Cornell picnic tables.

Marin Elementary

FUND-RAISING: Through March 23, Marin kindergarten teacher Elsie De Laere is spearheading a fund-raising drive to purchase educational supplies to benefit teachers and students in Ghazni, Afghanistan. Ms. De Laere will travel to Afghanistan in April and June to conduct teacher training using supplies purchased with funds raised in the drive. She is among only two or three teachers in the Bay Area (all women) who risk their lives each year traveling to Afghanistan to conduct these teacher-training sessions. The fund-raiser is called "Change for Change," and involves Marin students earning and/or donating their personal change over about a week-long period that began on March 14. In a similar drive last year, students raised about \$1,400 in two weeks — almost all in dimes.

HUNDRAITHON DONATIONS: Of the 350 families at Marin, more than 150 have already made Hundrathon donations totaling more than \$15,000 and bringing us closer to our goal of \$20,000. Any amount, no matter how small, is appreciated, and Marin is still hoping for 100 percent participation. Hundrathon donations benefit Marin students directly by funding teacher aides, noon safety supervisors, music instruction, enrichment assemblies,

chess programs, the school newspaper, school emergency preparedness equipment, family fun programs, parent education more.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE: Parent/teacher conferences are by request of the teacher and/or the parents. Look for a letter home with your child's recommendation. If you are not having a conference, a copy of the report card will be sent home with your child before spring break. You must send a signed copy back to the teacher.

SPRING GARDEN PARTY: Garden party is scheduled March 25, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fourth-grade parents are welcome as they are helping the garden before spring. Experience is necessary to use the tools and gloves and information, contact Amy at 528-0848 or a volunteer. Kindergarten parents are welcome to first grade. The principal's physical education requirement, so now a child needs a doctor's approval card. California State Physical Education, for the complete, are available in the office.

Ocean View Elementary

MACGREGOR MOVE: The location has been authorized by MacGregor High School. School campus. Ocean View is the additional room space during the move. The school is out in the garden. **GARDEN CLEANUP DAY:** Clean-up day is now school day. Wear comfortable clothes and work gloves.

Schools

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Portola Middle School

JAZZ EXPLOSION: Portola Middle School Jazz Bands will present "Jazz Explosion VI" on Thursday, March 23 at the Acalanes High theater in Lafayette. Bands will be joined by Marc Russo on saxophone and Mic Gillette on trumpet, formerly of the band Tower of Power. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance are \$15 and available from Keith Johnson at 510-703-2794 or at Portolajazz@aol.com. Tower of Power singer Larry Bragg, Tal Morris on guitar and keyboard great Frank Martin round out the lineup.

Madera Elementary

OPEN HOUSE: An open house will be held Thursday, March 23 from 7-8 p.m. Come see the work that the students of Madera have been doing, tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and enjoy the remodeled school.

Harding Elementary

REGISTRATION: Kindergarten registra-

tion ends March 31. Parents or caregivers of students entering Harding kindergarten in fall 2006 need to register in March. Registration hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For tips on registering your child and information about kindergarten, visit hardingpta.org/school/newstudent

FUND-RAISER: The Harding spring fund-raiser will be March 8-22. Purchase wrapping paper, chocolates and gift items. Proceeds support art and music classes in the classroom, the "fun in science" program, pay for supplies, student study trips, and much more. Pick up extra catalogs from the school office.

KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM TOUR: Check in today at 9 a.m. at the front office. This is an informal parent-led tour.

HOLLYWOOD AUCTION: The Harding Goes Hollywood Auction will be Saturday, March 18, at 8:30 p.m. at the Fairmont School multipurpose room, Stockton at Lexington. Admission is free, and children are welcome. Purchase food and desserts, bid on silent auction items from local merchants and live auction celebrity items. A raffle will be held. Proceeds support art classes, weekly music instruction, and

the Harding After School Enrichment Program scholarship fund.

CONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE: Meetings are held every other Friday at 8:45 a.m. in the Harding Conference Room. All parents are welcome. Upcoming meetings: Today and Friday, March 31.

FURMAGE SALE: A rummage sale will be held Saturday, April 29. Donate clean furniture and household items in working condition: clothes, toys, small appliances, tools and antiques. Proceeds support art, music and science programs. Bring items to the school office. Coordinators: Cathie Gonzales-Leone, Lisa Bolton and Carla Campbell.

Kensington Elementary

WRISTBAND SALE: Wristbands that say "All That Jazz: KHS 2006. To Baton Rouge with love" are being sold to raise additional money for Progress

Elementary School. Wristbands can be purchased at Wednesday. Call Corey 6886.

UPCOMING EVENTS: School Site Council Meeting p.m.; March 23. Open House p.m.

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University Chorus & Chamber
concert — March 19, 5 p.m.,
UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Features J.S.
Bach's "St. Matthew Passion." 4 p.m.,
concert talk by Bach specialist, UC
professor Davitt Moroney:
"Two Worlds of the Great Pas-
sion." Tickets: \$5-\$15, 510-642-9988.

Music at St. John's —
March 19, 4 p.m., St. John's Presby-
terian Church, 2727 College Ave.,
Berkeley. David Hunsberger performs
Bach & friends. Reception follows.
May 21, Roberta Gary
sings. Reception follows. Dona-
tions. Details: 510-845-6830.

Concert Series — UC Berke-
ley's Zellerbach Hall. Free. March 22, "Eliza-
bethan Memorial Noon Concert."
Symphony, Umesh Shankar
piano. Details:
berkeley.edu/calendar.

Eliza — March 24-25, 8
p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall.
Baroque style of "mama." Tick-
ets: \$42. 510-642-9988.

Eliza Ensemble — March
25, UC Berkeley Public Library's
Library Reading Room, 2090
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free concert.
Details: 510-841-6100 or berkeleypubli-
c.org.

Eliza Muses — March 25, 8
p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church,
1501 Washington St., Al-
bany. Celebration of Robert Burns.
Poems & letters of Scotland's
poet & fiddle tunes that in-
spired him in a theatrical setting. Tick-
ets: \$15. Details: 510-524-5661 or
muses.org.

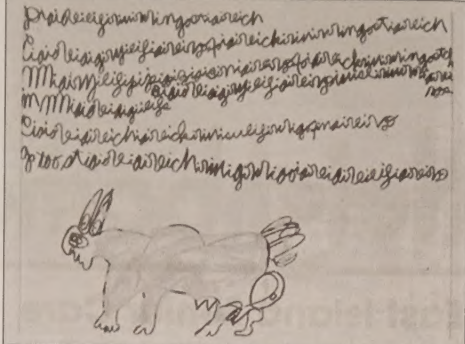
Eliza Brunswicks — Concert,
8:11 p.m., Lucie Lounge,
1501 Washington St., Al-
bany. Music. Dance to
melodic, original psych-world
sounds. Proceeds benefit Berke-
ley Community Music. Cost: \$8. De-
tails: 510-854-1904, Mike 510-
850-0001.

Concert for Children's
— March 26, 4 p.m., 2220
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Marcella Dronkers,
Lary London, clarinet; Linda
Fraker, piano; Will Fraker (13) pi-
ano; Hertzberg (17) soprano
works of Schumann, Schu-
bert, Grieg, Weber, Mozart,
etc. Details: 510-527-6202.

Eliza — March 26, 3 p.m., UC
Zellerbach Hall. Violinist
pianist Nikolai Lugansky
piano, Schubert, Part, Franck.
Details: 510-642-9988.

Eliza Sundae —
March 26, 5 p.m., St. John's Pres-
byterian Church, 2727 College Ave.,
Berkeley. Francisco Symphony
& friends play Mozart, Dvo-
rák, etc. Details: 415-584-
1111 or franciscosundae.org.

Eliza Symphony Orchestra
— March 29, 8 p.m., UC
Zellerbach Hall. Soloists are
Patrick O'Hara, Stuart Canin.
Informed by Schumann,



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Chowling. Tickets: \$10-\$54, 510-841-
2800 or berkeleysymphony.org.

Ladysmith Black Mambazo —
March 30, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's
Zellerbach Hall. Music of Zulu mine &
factory workers. Tickets: \$24-\$46; 510-
642-9988.

"Sounds of Russian Spring" —
Benefit concert, 3 p.m., April 1, Thou-
sand Oaks Baptist Church, 1821
Catalina Ave. Classical music, arts &
crafts, traditional Russian food. Don-
ation: \$15-\$20; 510-526-8892. Proceeds
benefit Berkeley Russian School.

Eddie Palmieri Septet — April 1, 8
p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall.
Jazz featuring saxophonist David
Sanchez. Tickets: \$22-\$42; 510-642-
9988.

Yukimi Kambe Viol Consort —
April 1, 8 p.m., First Congregational
Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.
Music before 1850 features Purcell,
Bach, Japanese Court music. Tickets:
\$42; 510-642-9988.

Brentano String Quartet — April 2,
3 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Fea-
tures Hsin-Yun Huang on viola perform-
ing Mozart. Tickets: \$42; 510-642-9988.

Berkeley Chamber Performances
Concert — April 4, 8 p.m., Berkeley
City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.
Luna Nova String Quartet performs
Dvorak, Bartok, Villa-Lobos, etc. \$20.
Details: 510-525-5211 or berkeley-
chamberperform.org.

Mini Concert Series — 8 p.m., Ar-
lington Community Church, 52 Arling-
ton Ave., Kensington. April 7, Grizzly
Peak String Band plays bluegrass —
April 21, Carolyn Magre plays medita-
tive New Age music. — May 12,
Bobby Ingram combines piano & hu-
mor. — June 2, Women's Antique Vo-
cal Ensemble plays Dufay, Obrecht,
Isaac, Teaglog, Gabrieli, more. — June
30, Bay Area Classical Harmonies per-
forms Greek & Russian vocal music.
Cost: \$15, \$50 for six concerts, 25 chil-
dren under 16. Details: 510-526-9146.

Palm Sunday Concert — April 9,
7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of
Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. First Presby-
terian Church of Berkeley Chancel
Choir, Pro Sonus Chamber Symphony
perform John Rutter's "Requiem." De-
tails: 510-848-6252 x240.

**Cal Performances Centennial Cele-
bration** — May 12, 7:30 p.m., UC
Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Cost: \$48-
\$90. Half price for UC Berkeley stu-
dents; \$2 discount for UC faculty &
staff, senior citizens, other students; \$3
discount for UC Alumni Association
members. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or
calperfs.berkeley.edu.

Learning

Vista Community College — Work-
shops 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Room 303,
2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. March 18,
25, "Employment Preparation for the
Travel Industry." — March 18, Allston
Way Annex, 2075 Allston Way, Room
110. "Doing Business in Russia." De-
tails: 510-981-2913, 510-981-2800 or
peralta.edu.

**"Using Nanoscale Tools, Can We
Replicate the Sense of Smell?"** —
March 20, 5:30-7 p.m., Berkeley High
School, Florence Schwinley Little The-
ater, 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley. Free
lecture by Dr. Arun Majumdar. Free.
Details: 510-486-7292.

Public lecture — March 22, 4:10
p.m., Lipman Room, 8th Floor Barrows
Hall, UC Berkeley campus. Caltech
professor Christof Koch speaks on
"The Quest for Consciousness: A Neu-
robiological Approach." Free. Details:
grad.berkeley.edu/lectures, 510-643-
7413 or lectures@berkeley.edu.

Moving Mom and Dad — March
29, 7 p.m., North Berkeley Senior Cen-
ter, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Topic
of Donna Robbins' lecture: "Empow-
ering Yourself, Empowering Your Pa-
rents: Who Calls the Shots? How Fam-
ilies can make the Right Choices
During Times of Change." Assistance
in moving parents from their long-term
family home. Details: Joann 510-848-
1960 x246 or joann@thornwallprop-
erties.com.

Stress management — April 1, 5
p.m., 63 Shattuck Square (at University
Avenue), Berkeley. Free lecture helps

you discover source of stress, anxiety
& unhappiness and how to overcome
them. Refreshments served. RSVP/de-
tails: 510-280-4690.

**My Toddler and Me Discovery
Group** — Through May 4, Thursdays
10:30-11:45 a.m., Berkeley Richmond
Jewish Community Center, 1414 Wal-
nut St., Berkeley. Play, learn & discover
in facilitated, creative, play-based in-
teractive group for babies ages 10-20
months & their parents. Cost: \$100/12
weeks, \$12/session. Registration: 510-
848-0237 x127.

Literary events

Poetry Flash — Poetry readings,
7:30 p.m., Cody's Books, 2454 Tele-
graph Ave., Berkeley. \$2. March 18,
Andrew Zawacki & Andrew Joron,
Maxine Chernoff & George Albon,
Gillian Conoley & Tessa Rumsey, David
Holler & Rusty Morrison. — March 19,
Kurt Brown, Geoffrey Brock. — March
26, Sandra Stone, Barbara Tomash. —
April 2, Greg Hewett, Ted Mathys. —
April 9, Phyllis Stowell, Elaine Terra-
nova. — April 16, "Five Fingers Re-
sist" contributors reading. Details:
510-845-7852 or poetryflash.org.

Anna's Jazz Island — Island Liter-
ary Series, March 19, 3-5 p.m., 2120
Allston Way, Berkeley. Musician/poet
Avotcha hosts event, with multiple
poets & writers reading their work. Open
mike follows. \$3 cover. Upcoming: April
23. Details: 510-228-6775 or 510-841-
5299.

Poetry Express — Mondays, 7
p.m., Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San
Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Weekly open
mike hosted by Mark States. Coming
up: March 20: Tom Odegar. March
27: theme night "Poems About
Women" & special guest Selah
Geissler. Details: email berkeleypoetry-
express@yahoo.com.

Rhythm and Muse — 7 p.m.,
Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St.
Piano & two mics available. Free; do-
nations appreciated. Upcoming:
March 25: Felice York, Eliza Sheffer.
April 22: Eliza Sheffer, Terry Ro-
driguez. Details: 510-644-6893 or 510-
527-9753.

The Last Word — Poetry reading,
April 3, 7-9 p.m., Pegasus Books
Downtown, 2349 Shattuck Ave., Berke-
ley. Featured readers Judy Wells,
Naomi Lowinsky. Open mike follows.
Free. Details: 510-649-1320.

Health

Berkeley Farmer's Markets —
March 21, 28; 2-6 p.m., Derby Street &
Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Free sam-
ples, free recipes. March 28, 3:30-5
p.m., cooking demonstration with Chef
Michael Baucse. — April 1, 10 a.m.-3
p.m., Center Street & Martin Luther
King Jr. Way. Free compost give-away.
Bring your own container, two buckets
or large garbage bags. — April 13,
3:30 p.m., North Shattuck Avenue.
Cooking demonstration/book signing for
"GRUB: Ideas for an Urban Organic
Kitchen" by Anna Lappe, Bryant
Terry. Details: 510-548-3333 or eco-
logycenter.org.

Religion

Epworth United Methodist Church

— Lenten event series, 5:30 p.m., 1953
Hopkins St., Berkeley. March 19,
Sanctuary, clown/harmonie percus-
sionist Derique McGee. March 26,
Sanctuary, Word for Word actors pre-
sent excerpts from Barry Unsworth's
novel "Mortality Play." April 2, Fellow-
ship Hall, intergenerational art work-
shop. Details: 510-524-2921 or ep-
worthberkeley.org.

**"Dimensions of the Soul and In-
carnation and Reincarnation"** — Ap-
plied Kabbalah Intensive with Rabbi
Steven Fiedel, March 18, 1:30-6:30
p.m.; March 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; in
North Berkeley. Topics include: Jew-
ish/Kabbalistic position on journey of
the Soul & reincarnation, accessing
past life experiences, becoming aware
of your Soul's purpose/journey. Bring
brown bag lunch, program includes
beverages & snacks. Cost: \$100-\$125.
Register online at mysticaljudaism.org.

Tibetan Nyingma Institute — Free
workshops at 6 p.m., 1815 Highland
Place, Berkeley. March 19, Lama
Palzang & Pema Gellek on "Cutting Off
Negative Thoughts." Details: 510-843-
6812 or nyingma1815.com.

**Kol Hadash Sunday Brunch Pro-
gram** — March 19, 10:11-11:30 a.m., Al-
bany Community Center, 1249 Marin
Ave., Albany. Rabbi Milton Matz, Kol
Hadash members do a reading from
Rabbi Matz's play "Spinoza, Maria and
Excommunication." \$5 donation.

**Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Com-
munity Center** — Events at 1414
Walnut St. Sundays March 19, April
23; 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 50+ Singles
Books, Discussions, and Fellowship
Group. Free. — April 2, 2 p.m.,
Henry Shreidman discusses "Houses
and Housings: Portability in Jewish
Faith and Culture" exhibit. Free. —
April 5, 7 p.m., Meet Richard
Bermack, author of "The Front Lines
of Social Change - Veterans of the
Abraham Lincoln Brigade." \$5 dona-
tion. — April 6-27, Thursdays 7 p.m.,
Single and Seeking (Again.) \$60/5-
week session. — April 6-May 26,
7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, "Finding Your
Creative Voice: A Women's Writing
Workshop with Yosefa Raz." \$90/6-
week series. — April 9, 10:30 a.m., at
Congregation Beth El, 1301 Oxford
St., Berkeley. "Feminism and Reli-
gious Dialogue: Cooperation and
Conflict with Susannah Heschel." \$5.
Details: 510-848-0237 x132 or
brjcc.org.

Kol Hadash Humanistic Judaism

Shabbat — March 24, 7:30 p.m., Al-
bany Community Center, 1249 Marin
Ave., Albany. Service led by Rabbi Jay
Heyman: "Does the Torah Teach Us to
Live in Post Modern Society?" Music
led by Cantorial Soloist Bon Singer.
Please bring finger dessert to share &
nonperishable food for needy. Free,
open to all.

**"Joshua Sobol: The Right to Re-
sist"** — The Playwright's Perspective
on Moral Dilemmas in Times of War,
March 30, 7:30 p.m., Berkeley Rich-
mond Jewish Community Center, 1414
Walnut St., Berkeley. Israel's foremost
playwright discusses role of artist in
troubled times. Cost: \$5. Details: br-
jcc.org.

**Jewish Literature, Identity and
Imagination** — "Between Two Worlds:
Stories of Estrangement and Home-
coming." April 8, May 6, 2 p.m., Ken-
sington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Ken-
sington. Reading & discussion series
with Naomi Seidman, Director of
Richard S. Dinner Boardroom, 2400
Ridge Road, Berkeley. Death pen-
sion scholars Judith Kay & Elisabeth Semel
deliver 2006 McCoy Memorial Lecture
on Religion, Ethics, and Public Life.
Free. RSVP appreciated: 510-649-2420
or jburrows@gtu.edu. Details: gtu.edu.

Contemplative Prayer Disciplines
— Morning retreat, April 22, 9 a.m.-1
p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2407
Dana St., Berkeley. Learn prayer prac-
tices such as lectio divina & Prayer of
Examen. Cost: \$25. Details: 510-841-
9386 or newcollegeberkeley.org.

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est almost here. The ver-
tion occurs Monday. In
tion of the impending
the naturalists at Tilden
Park in Berkeley have
a spring-in-the-garden
from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sun-
a light-duty work ses-
sion for the garden for
weather. The program
include information on lo-
calities and plants you
can find in your own garden to
them. It's free, and
donations aren't necessary.
Sign up at the Environ-
ment Education Center at the
head of Tilden's Central

Park Drive.

For 5- to 7-year-olds, Tilden
naturalist Linda Yemoto is offer-
ing a Tilden Explorers program
from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. on
Wednesday and again on April
26. The March program is
about weather; April's session
discusses the seasons. The kids
may be accompanied by an
adult, but bring no younger sib-
lings, please.

Registration is required, and
there's a fee of \$6 per partici-
pant (\$8 for non-District resi-
dents). Call 510-636-1684.

For a look at some volcanic
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Wednesday Walkers at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday for their 2.5-mile
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As the name implies, the
Walkers are an informal group
that meets most Wednesdays
for a naturalist-led hike in one
of the regional parks. The hikes
are free, and reservations are
not necessary.

After the short hike at Sibley,
anyone who still has energy to
burn will join naturalist Sara
Fetterly on a more strenuous
five-mile hike along the East
Bay Skyline National Recrea-
tion Trail from Sibley to Tilden
Regional Park and back.

Sibley Preserve is on Skyline
Boulevard a short distance
south of the junction with Griz-
zly Peak Boulevard. The easiest
way to get there is to drive up
Fish Ranch Road from the east
side of the Caldecott Tunnel,

then turn left on Grizzly Peak
Boulevard when you reach the
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Bay Regional Park District sites
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Mercy Retirement & Care Center Gives Back to the Community

The season of giving is all year at Mercy. Knowing that thousands of seniors struggle to live on fixed incomes, Mercy Retirement & Care Center established the Mercy Brown Bag Program to assist fixed-income seniors ages 60+ who reside throughout Alameda County. The program, which was launched in 1982, brings together "seniors who help seniors" through a coordinated program that involves the distribution of high-quality, nutritionally balanced bags of groceries that are available for the senior-in-need. The program depends on its volunteers who are often recipients themselves, and on donations which are received through individuals and organizations. "We are in constant need of donations to help keep this long-standing and compassionate program alive," notes Joy Clinton, Director of the Mercy Brown Bag Program. "The community is encouraged to help us make a difference," she added. Donations include large quantities of non-perish-

able food, cash, large brown paper bags and rolls of produce bags. Groceries are distributed twice monthly to twelve distribution centers, reaching over 1,200 fixed-income seniors throughout the county. Mercy Retirement & Care Center is a non-profit organization that has been providing quality compassionate care and services to older adults for more than 130 years. To be a Mercy Brown Bag Volunteer or to make a donation, call Joy Clinton at 510-534-8540, ext. 369.

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Trees

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The initiative states that the allowable development would replace the revenues the city, school district and library receive from Golden Gate Fields as of Nov. 7, 2006.

La Force and other environmentalists believe the racetrack will eventually shut down and the land could then be purchased for a waterfront park with limited

development near the freeway. If the track doesn't close, La Force believed Magna would make an effort to bring casino-style gambling to Golden Gate Fields, as it's done at other tracks.

The initiative prohibits gambling not associated with horse racing.

Peter Tunney, an executive vice president with Magna, could not be reached for comment.

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Condo

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The development would provide 3,400 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor, though McKinley thought it was a "token" amount.

More than a year ago, the Planning Commission denied an application from a different developer for a dozen apartments at the same site.

The commission denied the appeal based on the building design and the loss of the visual characteristic of the trees, which represent at least 11 species.

Resident Ken Berndt said one of the trees — a 36-inch in diameter coast live oak — required an environmental impact report, which is a comprehensive environmental study.

"Wouldn't it be a lot nicer to develop, to build around these trees," Ken Berndt said. "You'll have fewer units but you'll give people in the condominiums something to look at besides San Francisco."

Janet Palma, a consultant who helped draft an environmental study document for the development, said the seven oak trees on the site were generally in good condition.

However, she pointed out that the city does not have a heritage tree ordinance that may protect them.

"The question," Palma said, "is how to design something where there's no conflict for the need for space around the tree and the type of development you're proposing."

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Skinner

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Alameda County.

Skinner beat out three finalists for the appointment, although more speakers backed former Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean than anyone else at a 3½-hour meeting in Oakland.

Dean, considered a moderate in Berkeley's left-leaning politics, served as mayor from 1994 to 2002 before current Mayor Tom Bates defeated her.

Skinner served on the Berkeley City Council from 1984 to 1992. She helped lead efforts to protect the city's waterfront from development, and she authored a 1982 ballot measure requiring the city to cut its garbage volumes in half.

In her park board application, Skinner said she favors comple-

tion of the Eastshore state park and protection of the Point Molate area near Richmond as open space.

Skinner's appointment is good only through the end of the year, but she said she intends to defend the seat in the park board election this November.

The park district operates 65 regional parks with 97,000 acres in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The board vacancy opened when Jean Siri of El Cerrito died of a heart attack Jan. 20. Thirteen candidates applied to replace her.

A park board subcommittee narrowed the field to four finalists in closed-door meetings. The full board interviewed the finalists Thursday.

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Town hall forum urges fight against hate crimes

■ Swastika was drawn in bathroom of high school, prompting tolerance workshops

By Tom Lochner

STAFF WRITER

Last fall, shortly before the Jewish High Holy Days, a student discovered a swastika scrawled on a girls bathroom door at El Cerrito High School.

Graffiti are so common that they are often ignored, said participants at a town hall forum on anti-Semitism at the El Cerrito Community Center on Sunday. But ignoring anti-Semitic, racist and other offensive graffiti facilitates their proliferation, the participants agreed. That's not what happened at

El Cerrito High, which has a zero-tolerance policy on graffiti. The student, senior Mariel Honigman, reported the swastika to a teacher. In short order, parents, teachers, Principal Vince Rhea, El Cerrito police and other city officials got involved.

"Sometimes students who do this think, it's OK; everybody does it," Rhea said. But "racist graffiti is a hate crime," Rhea continued. "You have to deal with it. You have to document it then remove it immediately."

These days, school employees check the bathrooms and other public areas three times a day, Rhea told Sunday's gathering.

After the incident last fall, parents and the principal contacted the Anti-Defamation League. The school sponsored tolerance work-

shops and screened the film "Not In Our Town," which documents the reaction of five communities against hate crimes. While only a few classes participated in the fall, Rhea said he hopes that three-quarters of the students and staff will have taken a workshop and seen the film by June. "The goal for next year is 100 percent," he said.

The El Cerrito Human Relations Commission discussed the school graffiti at its own previously scheduled screening of the film in October.

The Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Community Relations Council for the East Bay Region, Richmond's Temple Beth Hillel, the Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center and the city of El Cerrito sponsored Sunday's

forum. A follow-up will be held Monday at El Cerrito High.

A panel of three students thanked those coming to Sunday's forum but urged the community to help their fellow students more, lest lower-key acts of hate, left unchecked, lead into outright violence.

"There's a lot of anti-Semitism at El Cerrito High, even among friends who are Jewish," said Allie Swalowski, a senior.

The students said the fall, they had to increase in offensive only swastikas and references to the Ku Klux Klan and expressions of hatred against a variety of minority groups.

Theater

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Miller said a second fund-raising campaign for the Cerrito Theater is in the planning stages.

"It's just incredible," Miller said. "As I was telling the steering committee, especially since the blade (sign) for the Cerrito and marquee is being built in front of the actual theater, it's like watching reality catching up with make-believe."

Moran spent about nine months off and on working on the theater, first building a model from cardboard, and then painstakingly recreating the building's exterior from wood — from the dome-shaped roof down to the tiny planters outside the front doors.

Electroluminescent wire mimicking neon lights up the marquee and the vertical blade sign reading "Cerrito."

"I think it's impressive," Moran said.

Moran, 61, was less impressed with a doll house he saw at a Sacramento crafts store shortly before taking a trip to the Bahamas with his wife in 1975.

During his trip, he tore the ligaments in his right knee after being hit by a car. Holed up for three months, the former Air Force mechanic began working on a doll house based on the Victorian homes that populate his native San Francisco.



FRIENDS OF THE CERRITO THEATER

THIS MODEL of the Cerrito Theater will be on display at the Jenny K. gift shop on Stockton Avenue beginning Saturday.

Less than two years later, he sold his first doll house to a neighbor for \$75.

He found enough interest in his miniature buildings and building exteriors to pedal them on the sidewalk at Fisherman's Wharf in the late 1970s and later sell them in a nearby store.

In the early 1980s, he and a partner attempted to sell kits that would allow people to build their own Victorian doll house exteriors at home.

However, the store in which he sold his doll houses went out of business, and few of the kits sold.

"I wish I could have made a lot of money on it," he said.

While it didn't take off as a business, Moran continued his work as a hobby.

He spent eight years off and on building the haunted doll house, one of the few structures he still possesses.

The house includes a bathroom, kitchen and a children's room with Halloween-inspired details.

One room, with a push of a button, magically changes from a scene of a woman sitting on a bed, to a scene of goblins, mummies and other scary characters staring out menacingly.

The small doors of the doll house are boarded up, and the windows lay cracked. What would be an iron fence surrounding a balcony in real life — but is actually thin pieces of wood — appears broken and rusted.

There are also some humorous touches. One sign on the door reads "Se habla español." Another says: "For sale, Better Homes and Realty."

But Moran was primarily concerned with building an accurate four-story staircase.

"It had to be a realistic, architecturally valid staircase," he said. "Not some wing-ding thing."

For the Cerrito Theater, one of three theater projects he's completed, Moran used architectural drawings and photos to recreate it.

"It may not be exact, but it's close enough, what I call close-enough engineering that it looks

good," he said. "It's close to the real one."

Moran's first model — The Rocke-Rocke-Rocke's Close to the Real Thing — went out of business after being boarded up.

He got the idea for other old San Francisco houses meet the same fate.

He also built a 1940s-era Lorenzo house as close to a real-life situation as the Cerrito.

"They're lucky they wanted this piece of Moran said of the Cerrito they're done with this to be one heck of a complex. It's going to be town with a theater at the Cerrito as an attraction as the Cerrito.

The Cerrito room scheduled to be completed. In the meantime, will display the model weeks.

From there it will go to other businesses to be on display at the Cerrito meeting Monday night.

"We know that customers are excited about coming to town, marionette, the co-owner K., said. "So we want people out, get people excited. It's just around the corner."

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ARCHITECT WILLIAM C. HAYS designed this Buena Vista Way home in 1914. A sensitive new life into the home in the 1980s and David Trachtenberg recently designed a new addition, seen on the right.

Berkeley home offers distinctive architecture, magnificent views

DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR
Contact William Hays' brown design at 2758 Buena

disrepair over the years. It's hard to imagine Hays' creation in disrepair today. The home, designed in 1914 for

Francisco architect William Turnbull was hired to design and supervise the home's restoration. Creative Spaces stepped in,

Architect David Trachtenberg recently breathed new life into William Hays' 1914 creation with an addition that pays strict attention to the home's existing proportion and materials.

designed by leading architect early and mid 20th such as Bernard Mayne, Hudson Thomas, Wurster and Gerald Mc home survived the 1923 devastated the surrounding structure fell into

Thomas Brown, echoes a Florentine palazzo with a loggia across the home's upper level. Instead of stone, Hays chose to clad the home with brown shingles in the Bay Area tradition. Time took its toll and by the 1980s, a remodel was in order. In 1984, noted San

original architectural integrity. "We were the builders on this major remodeling job," said Dan Cohen, president of Creative Spaces. Among other things, Creative Spaces moved the foundation, built a retaining wall,

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Queen Anne in the heart of Berkeley



A.W. PATTIANI DESIGNED AND BUILT the Sadler-Finney House in 1889. The current owners have lovingly restored it to its original brilliance. Exterior details include gingerbread and dentils, and show the exuberance of the best Painted Ladies. The home's interior includes redwood paneling, Douglas fir flooring, elaborate detailing, fretwork and carved hallmark door frames with rosettes. There is a double parlor with a spacious bay at the base of the tower. The owners have remodeled the kitchen to accommodate a gourmet chef, and to blend seamlessly with the architecture. The master suite has five bay windows, elaborate wallpaper and inlaid parquet oak floors. The third floor atelier has two bedrooms, a kitchenette, a full bath and a large all-purpose room and extraordinary views in every direction. While retaining period flavor, many renovations greatly increase convenience: CAT-5 ethernet with at least two connections on each floor. There is a detached one-car garage and a private garden.

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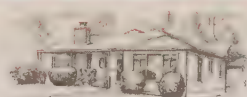
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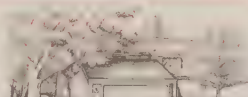
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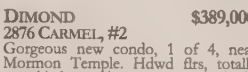
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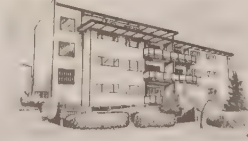


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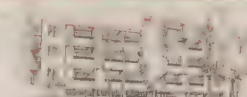


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WOOD AND PLASTER COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER in architect William C. Hays' original design of the living room and dining room at 2753 Buena Vista Way in Berkeley.

Home

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"It was exciting to rebuild this house from a non-livable space into a comfortable home," Cohen said. Sunset magazine, Home magazine and Designers West all featured the home during the remodel. Sunset awarded Turnbull and Creative Spaces a Western Home Award in 1989.

The home's attractiveness from the street continues once you walk through the door. Hays designed the home's living room around a comfortable fireplace. The dining room offers a formal place to entertain, while the patio and gardens offer an more informal place to relax.

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He used an attractive arch to seamlessly bring his addition in sync with Hays' original design.

Since Trachtenberg's remodel, the house presents a more striking statement from the street than Hays' palazzo facade, second-floor terrace and brown shingles.

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Trachtenberg's second, more pronounced, arch complements Hays' original arched entrance. The addition gives the owners extra room without any detriment to the existing structure.

On the main level, Trachtenberg added a beautiful galley kitchen, with an expanse of windows that overlooks the landscaped hillside.

The kitchen has glass Dutch doors on either end, to allow for easy indoor/outdoor flow. Upstairs is a room that can be used as a bedroom, office, or private retreat.

All systems, including the foundation have been upgraded or rebuilt over the last 20 years.

The home has a sleeping porch or loggia, expansive bay views and a wraparound patio. It is just minutes from the University of California at Berkeley and Tilden Park.

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A William Hays-designed home in a prestigious Berkeley hills neighborhood

Size: A 2,654 square-foot home on a 8,377 square-foot lot

Bedrooms: Four

Bathrooms: Three and one-half

Features: The home's attractiveness from the street continues once you walk through the door. Hays designed the home's living room around a comfortable fireplace. The dining room offers a formal place to entertain, while the patio and gardens offer an more informal place to relax. David Trachtenberg's addition brought the home into the 21st century with a galley kitchen and an upstairs retreat to complement the bedrooms. He used an attractive arch to seamlessly bring his addition in sync with Hays' original design.

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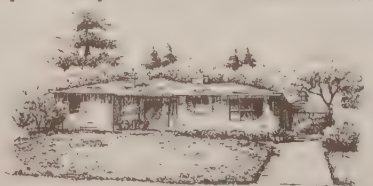
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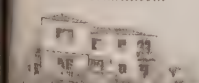


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Anet likes things mechanical, and the tools to work with them so she's the one who stocks the car trunk with everything we might possibly need for listings.

When my car was stolen a few months ago (the car we drove most often), her well-considered stash went with it. And, although she was certainly sad about the loss of the car, I think she planned more for her tools and supplies.

We never got the car or the contents back, which was too bad, but it gave Anet the chance to restock. For days she perfected her lists of items we must have again.

She bought new pliers of various sorts and sizes, screwdrivers, hammer and a plumber's wrench, and packed them into a nifty new canvas case. She added a measuring tape, utility knife, flashlight, nails, picture hangers, electrical and duct tape, and a few wood screws.

The electrical tape is used for taping off door locks she wants left as they are, also light switches she wants left on. The color of the tape, she recently explained to me, is black. This is because she has learned that if she uses white tape against white surfaces, agents ignore it. Some just go ahead and lock that lock, or turn that light switch off, in spite of the tape. Black tape however, apparently commands attention and compliance with her wishes.

Although she doesn't carry it routinely, if Anet knows she'll be needing it for a specific task such as hanging smoke detectors, she adds to the car trunk a portable drill/screwdriver. She refers to it always as "my DeWalt." She acquired this treasured possession within hours of seeing a contractor friend using one of his own. Thrilled by what this powerful, lightweight tool is capable of, she hopped into the car and sped away to buy one for herself.

A collection of light bulbs is also with us at all times: more 60-watt than any other, but also a few 100-watt, and at least one 200-watt bulb. It's the "sixties" that are needed most often, and each time Anet uses one, she is scrupulous about replacing it. Not having what she needs is anathema to her.

Once, as a matter of fact, because we had switched cars and didn't have the light bulb stash with us, Anet found herself in need of "a hundred" to light a basement stairwell. It was Sunday open house day and people were already arriving. They were about to descend those dark stairs.

Oh, woe, what was Anet to do? She was considering the distance to the nearest retail source of light bulbs when an agent friend fortuitously arrived at the front door. Anet leaped to greet her: "You're an agent. You must have a hundred watt light bulb in your trunk, right?" The friend nodded that indeed she



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True Experiences

did, and the two of them went outside to get it. Problem solved. I guess every agent must always carry light bulbs.

Toilet paper, too. There is an obvious need for toilet paper and, especially in vacant houses, seldom any to be found. Paper towels, a wedge-shaped door stop, Windex and Soft Scrub are in our car as well. And — these are for me — a garden weeder and a pair of hand pruners, plus a large garbage bag — are always with us. This is because, whenever there is a lull in activities; if, for instance, Anet is talking to someone or is fiddling endlessly with a lock; I start weeding whatever garden plot or path is nearby. Sometimes I deadhead plants. I can't seem to help myself.

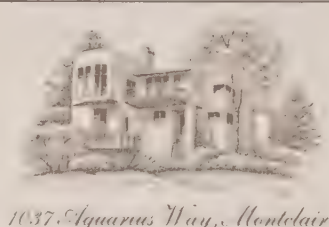
Anet brings with her, and puts to frequent good use, Teflon spray in a can. It is very effective on balky door locks. She used to swear by WD-40, but due to a fascinating conversation with a locksmith (quite a bit more fascinating to Anet than

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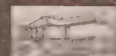


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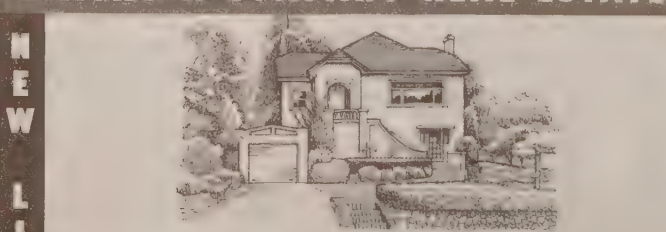
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what she considers the greatest transaction in their lives. "Whether you are buying or selling a home, Juli personally delivers superior service and results," said broker-manager Amberson "Mac" McCulloch. Renfro can be reached at 510-435-1352.

Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

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Senior Move

Donna Robbins, author of *Moving Mom and Dad: The Stress Free Guide to Helping Seniors Move* is speaking at the North Berkeley Senior Center, on Hearst Avenue, 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 29. Seniors and their adult children will learn what to do and how to do it. Real estate professionals will gain understanding of this transition. **Joann Sullivan** of Thornwall Properties sponsors the free event. For information call 510-848-1950 ext. 246.

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plan. These plans are typically designed in a way that all employees who want coverage must participate on a voluntary basis and pay premiums on their own with after-tax dollars. But employees may find it convenient and cost-effective to get long-term care insurance through their workplace, as carriers will again discount rates for group purchases.

To take this benefit even one step further, you could consider offering employees the opportunity to acquire long-term care insurance for their parents. When valuable employees miss work to care for elderly parents, your business loses productivity.

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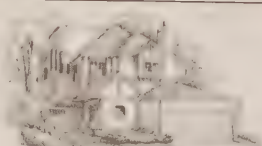
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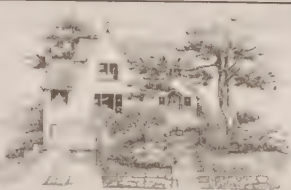
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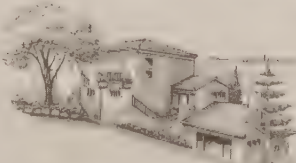
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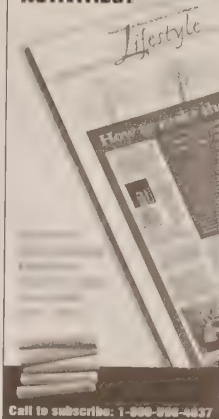
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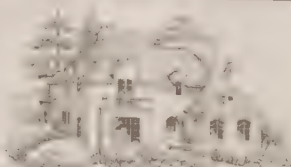


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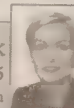
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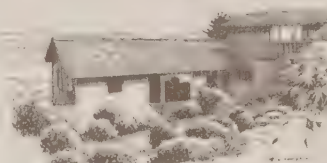
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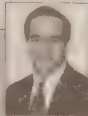
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ORIENTATION

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter invites all members and those interested in membership to an Orientation. The event is held at the Oakland Association of Realtors, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23 Please RSVP to WCR president **Felicia Favroth** of Classic Investments at 510-967-6661 or Felicia1@aol.com.

CAREER NIGHT

Learn how to take that next career step at a career night for real estate agents and loan officers. This event is 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, at The Real Estate Consulting Center. E-mail seminars@realestateconsulting-center.com or call 925-828-1300.

WIN OR SHOW

And they're off! The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter plans a "Day At The Races". The event is 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 22. Enjoy a buffet lunch and network with hundreds of other real estate professionals at Golden Gates Fields in the Turf Club. Wear your finest chapeau to win the "Best Hat Contest". Call **Lee Jacobson** of Pacific Union at 510-338-1309 for tickets.

BOBBIE HEARS

Senior Sales Associate Cheryl Knickerbocker of Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate was awarded

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Service and leadership were the criteria for these special awards given by Bay East to two members. The John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award was received by **Shawna Jorat** of Keller Williams

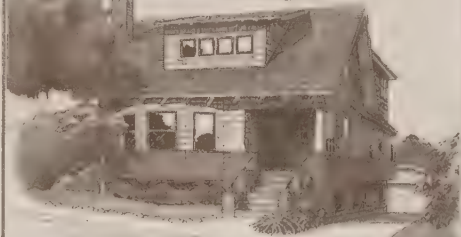
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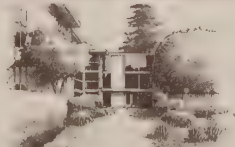
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Evaluating a neighborhood

INMAN NEWS
You may feel that you know a neighborhood when you see it, but there is more to judging a neighborhood than curb appeal or school scores. Dig beneath the statistics and your emotions to see the complete picture. Unless you're buying a custom home on a rural lot, you're not just

buying a house but the neighborhood that surrounds it. In many respects, the identity of a neighborhood is as important to the value of a property as individual properties themselves. In a planned community, strictly controlled architecture governs a carefully crafted identity

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A NICE PLACE TO LIVE

A desirable neighborhood should have these elements:
Close to a thriving economic center
Good public schools
Nearby shopping
Good public facilities
Convenient commute to a major metropolitan area
Well-maintained homes
Low crime
High percentage of owner-occupants

332 Santa Clara Ave.
Oakland's Rose Garden Neighborhood

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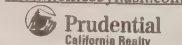
- Move right in to this lovingly upgraded 4 bedroom, 2 bath home.
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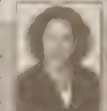
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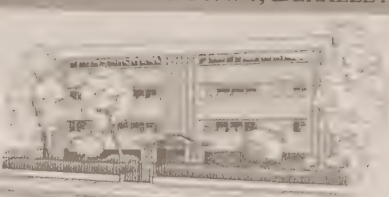
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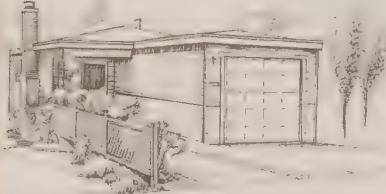
A terrific starter home in El Cerrito with an abundance of charm! Features include: refinished hardwood floors throughout, two bedrooms, one bath, a fireplace in the living room, and a newer hot tub in the backyard. One-car attached garage with interior access. Close to transportation and shopping.
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New Listing—Central Albany Location

Ideal home for those seeking great separation of space. 2+ BR/1BA main house plus 1BR/1BA attached unit in rear. Hardwood floors throughout, fireplace in living room. New stove and microwave in kitchen. Just two blocks to Solano Avenue shops and restaurants.
More info at www.DarrellHoh.com. Offered at \$625,000



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Berkeley \$1,315,000
Original details & wonderful floor plan. Indoor/outdoor living with pleasant bay, Golden Gate, and garden views. Spacious master suite plus 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, sauna, music room, office. Cooks kitchen opens to deer and landscaped back yard.

833 San Luis Rd.
Ann Arriola Plant

Open Sunday 2-4:30
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Upper Rockridge \$1,250,000
Classic traditional style home with bay views, spacious formal rooms & beautiful details. French doors open to a private level garden great for entertaining. 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths.

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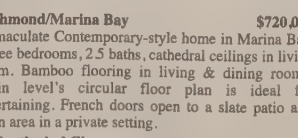
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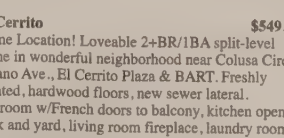
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Richmond/Marina Bay \$720,000
Immaculate Contemporary-style home in Marina Bay. Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, cathedral ceilings in living room. Bamboo flooring in living & dining rooms. Main level's circular floor plan is ideal for entertaining. French doors open to a slate patio and lawn area in a private setting.

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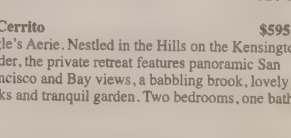
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El Cerrito \$549,000
Prime Location! Loveable 2+BR/1BA split-level home in wonderful neighborhood near Colusa Circle, Solano Ave., El Cerrito Plaza & BART. Freshly painted, hardwood floors, new sewer lateral. Bedroom w/French doors to balcony, kitchen opens to deck and yard, living room fireplace, laundry room.

151 Ashbury Ave.
Diana Mendler

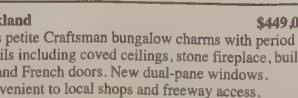
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El Cerrito \$595,000
Eagle's Aerie. Nestled in the Hills on the Kensington border, the private retreat features panoramic San Francisco and Bay views, a babbling brook, lovely decks and tranquil garden. Two bedrooms, one bath.

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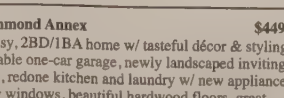
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Oakland \$449,000
This petite Craftsman bungalow charms with period details including coved ceilings, stone fireplace, built-ins and French doors. New dual-pane windows. Convenient to local shops and freeway access.

3616 Laurel Ave.
Vanessa Timon Smith

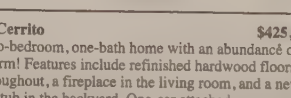
Open Sun 2-5
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Richmond Annex \$449,000
Classy, 2BD/1BA home w/ tasteful décor & styling. Useable one-car garage, newly landscaped inviting yard, redone kitchen and laundry w/ new appliances. New windows, beautiful hardwood floors, great Richmond Annex neighborhood. Definition of turnkey.

5430 Santa Cruz Ave.
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El Cerrito \$425,000
Two-bedroom, one-bath home with an abundance of charm! Features include refinished hardwood floors throughout, a fireplace in the living room, and a newer hot tub in the backyard. One-car attached garage with interior access. Close to transportation & shops.

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Downstairs is a 2BR/1.5BA and the upstairs is a
2BR/1BA. Both beautifully renovated, with in-unit
laundry, off-street parking and a shared backyard.

Evaluate

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er d'ock. In a rural town, streets and an old-fash-own square preserves a dis-own way of life. In a large city, neighborhood's ethnic his-own shaped its character and its rejuvenation.

important to know where a neighborhood has been — and it's going — before you de- buy there.

to start

for the statistics: Be-

tween FBI crime statistics, school scores now available from several national companies and demographic information culled from U.S. Bureau of the Census and other sources, it's now possible to break out a lot of valuable numbers about a community, much of it on line. This means that you as a buyer are no longer dependent on anecdotal information only about school quality or crime levels. You can see for yourself.

Go to city hall: The last thing you want to find out about the neighborhood of your dreams is that there is a huge discount-tire store due to be built on the big

empty lot right across the street from your quaint Craftsman bungalow. Your town or county's zoning and/or planning authorities are good sources for any kind of planning document for the town. If you want to be sure that the rural hide-away you just bought stays that way, check with these officials. Large projects like major road construction is planned years out from the actual start date.

Catch up with the community: Want to know what's really happening in a neighborhood? Ask the local barber. It may sound like a cliché, but nobody knows a neighborhood like the people who work

It's important to know where a neighborhood has been — and where it is going — before you decide to buy there

there day in and day out. For your part, visit the neighborhood on your own at different times of day and night. Talk to neighbors. Visit nearby schools and shops. Subscribe to the local paper. Small local papers can be chockfull of information you can use in scoping out a neighborhood or community. If you depend on public transportation, find out what is available and how accessible it is. Drive to and from the

house from several different directions, not just the most scenic route that your agent used when showing you the home.

Think resale potential: It's difficult to think about reselling the dream house you're about to buy, but the quality of a neighborhood will play a big role, whether you are living in least or most expensive house on the block. Get a list of homes for sale in the neighborhood

A POPULAR PLACE TO LIVE

Signs that people want to live in the neighborhood:

- Multiple-offer home sales
- An increase in the number of out-of-area buyers moving in
- An increase in local residents trading up within the neighborhood
- A decrease in percentage of renters
- Signs of remodeling

from your agent to determine how many days they've been on the market. If properties haven't been

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BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,200,000
5/2 - Turn-of-the-century home in the Gourmet Ghetto. Fabulous wood details, built-ins, hardwood floors, fireplace, new foundation
1321 Milvia Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$1,095,000
3/3 - Stunning Walter Ratcliff Tudor on 12,500 sq.ft. lot in ideal location. Gorgeous woodwork, study, au pair, 3-car garage, more
186 Hillcrest Road Open 2-5



OAKLAND \$1,250,000
3/3 - Fantastic, complete 2,400 sq.ft. 2004 remodel with high-end finishing touches. Photos & more at www.charlecookeproperties.com
6940 Charing Cross Road Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$575,000
2/1 - Laurel/Redwood Heights beauty with original Craftsman details. Formal dining room Spacious backyard with CA native landscaping
3870 Magee Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$749,000
3/1 - Fabulous, bright, sunny bungalow with open floor plan plus detached guest cottage situated in heart of N. Berkeley.
1286 Oxford Street Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$635,000
3/2 - Split-level in great area, close to shops, cafes & parks. Many upgrades, hardwood floors, custom kitchen, organic garden, more!
740 Pomona Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$689,000
3/1 - Spacious & sunny Craftsman. New kitchen, gorgeous yard, deck & studio. Close to BART. More at www.justsellmyhouse.com.
480 63rd Street Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$489,000
2/2.5 - Sunny, cottage-style townhome in serene Bayside complex. New carpet, 2 master suites, 3 assigned parking spaces, more.
215 Commodore Drive Open 1-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$699,000
DUPLEX - Golden duplex in the heart of Oceanview. Two charming 2/1 units on an oversized lot, detached garage. Delivered vacant.
1441-43 9th Street Open 2-4:30



EL CERRITO - NEW! \$679,000
4/1.5 - Views! Sparkling home in great location with sweeping views from living room & 2 bedrooms. Updated kitchen. Level backyard.
1659 Arlington Boulevard Open 2-5



OAKLAND \$469,000
3/1.5 - Brown shingle cottage, great vintage details, big garage, verdant garden in vibrant neighborhood. More at www.heidiandjerry.com.
541 53rd Street Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$488,000
2/2.5 - All completely updated. Next to SF Bay and marina. Photos and more information at www.kateandmark.com.
421 Commodore Drive Open 1-4



BERKELEY \$899,000
3/3 - Newly renovated Mediterranean has it all! Living room with views of S.F. & Bay Bridge. Custom wine cellar. More!
900 Cragmont Avenue Open 2-4



KENSINGTON \$749,900
3/2 - Lovely home with eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, formal dining room, designer colors Near the village & coveted Hilltop school.
205 Trinity Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$629,000
2/1 - Mediterranean charmer with hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplace, hot tub, new windows. Close to Piedmont Avenue shops.
4521 Pleasant Valley Court Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$475,000
2/2.5 - Cape Cod townhome next to marina & San Francisco Bay. Photos and more info at www.kateandmark.com
621 Commodore Drive Open 1-4

EMERYVILLE \$359,500
1/1 - Luxury condo at Andante. This is a true designer showcase! All hardwood floors and stainless steel appliances. Don't miss it!
1121 40th Street #3401 Open 1:30-4

OAKLAND - NEW! \$309,000
1/1 - Remodeled condo! Serene, light with updated kitchen & bath, granite counters. Parking, deck, pool. Near Piedmont & Rockridge
2005 Pleasant Valley Ave #210 Open 2-4

SAN PABLO - NEW! \$499,000
3/1 - Sun-filled & in great Tara Hills location, 1/2 block to Pinole. Large yard, deck, fireplace. Photos at www.justsellmyhouse.com.
2311 Shawn Drive Open 2-4

RICHMOND \$438,888
2/1 - Immaculate! Remodeled kitchen with granite counters, new cabinets. Hardwood floors. Near Civic Center.
525 28th Street Open 2-4

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740 POMONA AVENUE, EL CERRITO

Superbly updated three bedroom, two bath El Cerrito home in Fat Apple's neighborhood. Beautiful open kitchen with custom Douglas fir cabinets and concrete countertops. Newer roof, furnace, electrical. Lovely backyard garden with large sunny deck. Close to Cerrito Vista park and Well Grounded cafe. Photos at www.redoakrealty.com. LISTED AT \$635,000

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Tarpoff

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to me), she switched. She's been touting Teflon to anyone who will listen ever since.

There are timers in the car, little ones bought at Home Depot, used for automatically lighting lamps in vacant houses. She puts them in every room that does not have an overhead fixture so that when it starts to get dusky, lights will come on. (I do not grasp how timers are set, and am forever switching lamps on or off at the regular switch. I am therefore pleased that Anet takes charge of this part of real estate.)

She has lock boxes, too: the electronic type supplied by the multiple listing people, and also mechanical ones with push buttons. The first are, of course, for agents to use when showing a house. They're pretty nifty. The agent inserts a "key" (it looks sort of like a fat business card), punches his own code into the lockbox (which is recorded and can be retrieved by

the agent who owns the lock box), and the key box opens. The agent then uses the key, later replacing it in the box for use by someone else.

The other type of lock box, purchased from a locksmith shop, we use for workmen. When we need to get painters, stagers and repairmen inside a house, we don't have to meet them there or provide each one with his own key. Instead we put a punch-combination lock box on the property and tell our workmen what the combo is.

There are, at times, signs in our car trunk. In the old days, agents struggled to erect their own sign supports in rock hard dirt. Nowadays, real estate companies contract with a sign post service to dig holes, put up the posts, and hang the signs. We, however, have a clear plastic sign that scratches easily, so we hang our own.

We also put up the "riders" on the post crossing arm, the signs that say Pending Sale and Open Sunday. (Have you noticed that you hardly ever see a Sold sign? This is because by the time a property

is really sold, it's time to take the sign down.)

We also carry Open House sandwich signs, but only on the days we are holding a house open. The rest of the time, they're stored in my garage.

All in all, there is quite a lot of stuff in the trunk, but Anet is very organized, and she takes pride in cleanly and tidily packaging all we could want for. I must remember to ask agent friends to tell me what they've got in their car trunks. That would be interesting.

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selling quickly, you'll want to find out whether it's just the market (slow) or whether there are any neighborhood issues that may make resale difficult.

Finding hot spots: A good place to start looking for tomorrow's hot neighborhoods is right on the edge of the most desirable, well-established neighborhoods. These tangential neighborhoods frequently are next in line to experience a run-up in prices.

Before you buy: If you haven't had time to thoroughly check out a neighborhood before you make an offer to buy there, include a broadly written inspection contingency in

your purchase contract that includes the neighborhood and the house. Such a contingency might state that the offer is dependent upon the satisfactory inspection of both the property and neighborhood by the buyers.

If you only want to buy the house if you can answer a very specific question about the neighborhood, then write this in as a specific contingency of the contract. For example, the contract might be contingent upon the buyer confirming that a restaurant cannot be built next door.

Quick take: Property values tend to hold steady in neighborhoods with well-defined identities and assets available to everyone, such as a city park or community band shell.

Don't skip a home inspection

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Buying a new home is no small task. There are lots of things to consider: locating a property you like, working out the financing and sorting out moving expenses.

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A professional home inspection can help uncover costly structural and mechanical concerns that you may have missed during the home purchase process. Typically, the report a home inspector issues after examining the home offers a report records positives and negatives about the condition of property. This report can ultimately tell you whether the property represents your true dream home or a money pit.

As with the location of a home and the financing involved, a home inspector should be selected carefully. Here are a few guidelines to think about when seeking the services of a professional home inspector.

■ Hire a specialist. The home inspector should be familiar with uncovering out problems on a residential property, commercial structure, or both.

■ Inquire about a prospective inspector's professional training, experience and time on the job. Does the inspector belong to a professional home inspection association? Membership in such as group may bolster an inspector's professional credentials.

■ Don't dismiss a home inspector recommendation from a friend or acquaintance. Word of mouth may prove one of your best ways of finding a good home inspector. It also does not hurt to check out a home inspector's performance record with the Better Business Bureau or a local department of consumer protection.

■ Look for a home inspector that refuse to become involved in any real estate transaction that could benefit them financially as a result of their inspection work. You also want an inspector who takes safety, health and welfare of the public into consideration when performing a home inspection.

■ Schedule an inspection when you can be present. This will allow you to ask questions about the property. Depending on the property, a home inspection can take between two and five hours.

■ Learn how long you will have to wait for a copy of the home inspection's final, written report. Examine the inspection report carefully, and take note of any items that require correction. The report can help you to determine the cost of any necessary repairs and maintenance.

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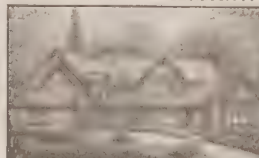
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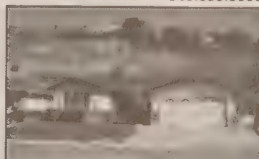
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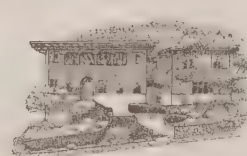
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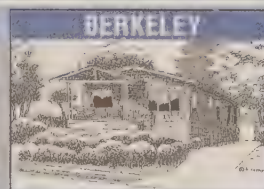
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Determining cost basis after death of one owner

I appreciated seeing in print the rules for determining cost basis in a home in the case of a de-

ceased spouse. I live in California, a community property state. But to obtain a cost basis increase to the full market value at time of death, isn't it necessary that the title actually be held as "community property" as opposed to "joint tenancy"? In other words, would a home held in joint tenancy by a married couple (on one's death) still be eligible for the full market value basis markup?

A. When title to real estate is held in joint tenancy, the joint tenants own equal undivided interests. When a joint tenant dies, their interest passes to the other joint tenant(s). This is known as the right of survivorship. Holding a property as

joint tenants avoids probate and provides protection from creditors of the deceased joint tenant.

Community property states, like California, differ from common law states in how they treat the property ownership interests between spouses. Your question refers to the determination of taxable gain on the sale of a home if one spouse is deceased and the surviving spouse sells the home. The IRS allows greater ownership interest in a personal residence to pass to the surviving spouse living in a community property state than a common law state.

When a personal residence is sold, assuming that the person has

lived in the residence two out of the last five years, IRS rules allow a single person to exclude up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for a married couple) in profit on the sale. If a surviving spouse sells the property in the year of the deceased spouse's death, a joint tax return would be filed and the \$500,000 exclusion would apply.

Calculation of the profit is determined by taking the net sales proceeds and subtracting the cost of any improvements and the initial purchase price of the property. For a surviving spouse with a long-term gain, taxes would be owed on amounts greater than the \$250,000 allowable profit.

In common law states, IRS rules determine the adjusted basis for a surviving spouse as half of the initial purchase of the property, the cost of improvements made while both spouses were living plus half of the fair market value of the property at the time of death of one spouse.

In community property states, like California, the IRS allows the adjustable basis for the surviving spouse to be the entire fair market value of the property.

IRS rules determine the stepped-up basis based on whether the state is a community property or common law and not on how title is held. If you hold title as commu-

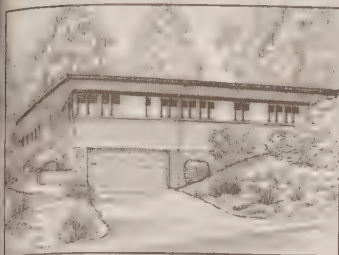


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nity property, there is no right of survivorship benefit. In 2001 California passed a law that allows individuals holding property as community property to alter how title is held to community property with the right of survivorship. To make this change, consult an attorney.

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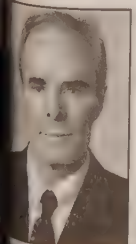
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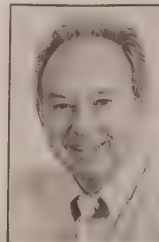
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OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. This gracious Mediterranean in the center of town features elegant formal rooms, fine architectural detailing and a fabulous, completely remodeled kitchen. There are five bedrooms including a spacious master suite. The home is surrounded by luxuriant landscaping and a large level rear lawn. Offered at \$2,300,000



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Sunny, all-level home on approximately 2-acre lot. Beautifully updated and maintained, this home has bamboo wood floors, an updated kitchen, new carpet, a large family room with fireplace, 2 bathrooms, a 3-car garage. The lovely, level backyard patio are perfect for indoor/outdoor entertaining and the nearby East Bay Regional Park hiking trails put Mother Nature at your back!



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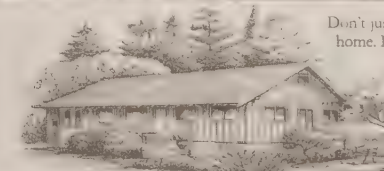
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Don't just drive by this wonderful home. It beholds many surprises to those who enter through the front doors. 3 bedrooms including a large master bedroom suite. The kitchen is bright with a skylight and counter space. The dining area opens and leads into a wonderful family room which includes a fireplace, built-ins, a bar room and a beautiful wooded views. Attached oversized 2-car garage. Redwood Heights School district.



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A Landmark Property
Offered at \$6,750,000

This magnificent residence was built by Willis Polk in the Beaux Arts style. On an extraordinary site, it offers 1.5 acres of park-like grounds with European-style gardens, expansive lawns and a swimming pool.



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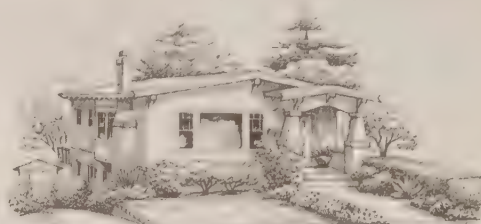
NEW ROCKRIDGE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2-4:30PM



6169 Harwood Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$1,795,000

Custom built in 1910 on a prominent corner parcel, this Rockridge home showcases exquisite architectural details, generously proportioned rooms and period elegance. The ideal floor plan offers 5BR/3.5BA, a versatile lower level rumpus room/media room, au-pair, 1000 bottle wine cellar, and storage rooms (approx 4300 sq. ft. of living space). 2 car detached garage. Convenient location within minutes of College Avenue and BART.

NEW GLENVIEW LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2-5PM



3823 Elston Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$719,000

This sunny 4+ bedroom, 2 bath home features a generous, two-story floor plan with versatile living space throughout! Bright formal living room and dining room. Original architectural features and hardwood floors. Large plus room and ample storage. Secluded backyard and spacious exterior decks make for great outdoor living and entertaining!

NEW DIMOND DISTRICT LISTING OPEN SAT. & SUN., MARCH 18 & 19, 2-4:30PM



2614 Madeline Street, Oakland
Offered at \$639,000

Charming craftsman with built-ins, many upgrades, and a floor plan with privacy. Three bedrooms, separate office/studio, two baths, deck and yard with many fruit trees. One car detached garage.

NEW ROCKRIDGE LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2-4:30PM



5340 Broadway Terrace #207, Oakland
Offered at \$529,000

Fabulous updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium. Large deck/patio with Bay, bridge and Berkeley Hills views. Wood and tile floors, fireplace. Large master bedroom and designer bathrooms. Close to College Avenue and BART.

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Installing fireplace no simple matter

BY ALAN HEAVENS
KINGSTON, QUEBEC

Q: I want to get a wood-burning fireplace, the kind with the soapstone that will radiate heat. I know there are simpler and cheaper installation and maintenance choices. But I love that smell, as well as the sight, of a wood fire, and with the radiant heat of the soapstone, I would think that would be an attractive adjunct to the price of heating.

A: My house is 125 years old. One estimate I received was for \$10,000, even though there is a chimney with three flues, one of which is the exhaust for the heater.

A: For the kind of work involved in creating a fireplace from scratch in your house, \$10,000 isn't all that much out of line. A downtown condo developer told me it cost him \$4,000 just to get a closed-off fireplace working again.

You'll have to break through a wall just to connect the fireplace you're building to the chimney, and there will have to be a substantial amount of chimney work done first to get it ready.

Not to mention that the one thing many building codes don't tolerate is a chimney that vents both a gas furnace and a wood-burning fireplace with accompanying sparks — three flues and brand-new and expensive stainless-steel liners notwithstanding.

You won't really know what kind of shape the house is in for that kind of construction until you break into the wall. The cost may well exceed \$10,000 when the contractor tallies it up. On the other hand, working fireplaces do add to the value of a house at resale time, so you should weigh the expense of adding a fireplace against how much of your investment in it you can recoup down the road.

And whatever you do: Don't forget to get a building permit.

Q: I'm remodeling an old house, doing my own work. I have a metal duct that runs through a crawl

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If you have not been involved in a real estate transaction lately, you might not be aware of the many changes. Gone are the days of a three-page contract sealed with a handshake. Appraisals, lengthy contracts, inspections and disclosures are just a few of the items on today's complex checklist for buying and selling homes.

The "Early Retirement Home Selling Options" seminar offers obligation free information with no-cost attendance. Downsizing to condo living, understanding home sales today, the effects of the capital gains tax and estate planning will be discussed. Learn the pros and cons of maintaining a mortgage on your new but smaller home. The possibilities of buying a smaller home while keeping your present home for rental income will be explained.

The presenter is Realtor Jonathan Fleming of RE/Max In Motion and Loan Consultant Anzella Jones of First Security Loan, San Leandro. Fleming specializes in real estate services for the Baby Boomer generation, while Jones' expertise includes financial products available for more mature homeowners. Fleming's worldwide RE/Max contacts simplify relocation.

"This seminar is the best way to answer retirees real estate questions," said Fleming. "We will offer sound advice and guidance without pressure. Those considering a move should look at a variety of options."

The class is scheduled 10 to 11:30 a.m., tomorrow, at the RE/Max Conference Center. Reservations are encouraged.

Attendees receive a certificate for a free market analysis of home value and special services discounts from the presenters. To learn more contact Fleming at 888-681-7771 ext. 706 or visit www.bayareainvestor.com.



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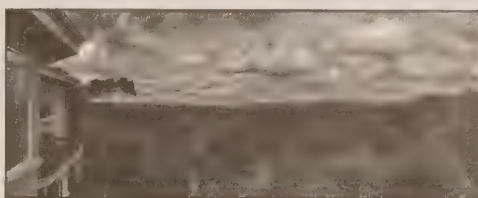
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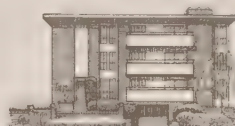
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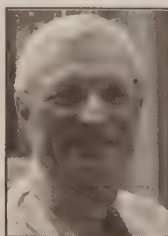
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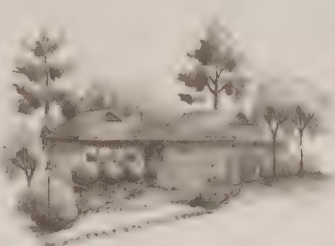
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Amazing value! Upslope lot in Montclair one block off Broadway Terrace near Skyline.

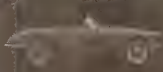
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2942 RAWSON STREET \$575,000
Maxwell Park. Enchanting, 2+BD/2BA on great street! Original architectural details & charm with many upgrades, refinished hardwood floors, new paint in luscious colors, remodeled tile kitchen & baths, dining room with built-ins, fabulous master suite with deck & view, sunny bonus room-great for home office or den, attached garage with interior access, landscaped yard & patio.
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2724 MONTICELLO AVENUE \$549,000
Maxwell Park. Remodeled 3BD/1BA with original charm & upgrades! Spacious living room with elegant stone fireplace & picture window, formal dining room, refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen with granite counter, remodeled bath, sunny level yard with paver patio & enchanting canopy, garage with workshop areas & long driveway.
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222 REVERE AVENUE \$539,000
Hayward. Don't miss this 3BD/1BA totally remodeled home. Updated kitchen, living room with wood burning fireplace, and dining area. Large backyard with Jacuzzi tub, and a one car garage, this home is a must see!
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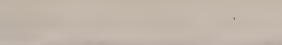


1742 12TH AVENUE \$499,000
East Oakland. Own a piece of history!! Built in 1800's, this 3BD/2BA Victorian is a must see! Formal dining room with fireplace, living room, master suite with deck & updated kitchen.
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3373 BIRDSALL AVENUE \$469,000
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330 VERNON STREET #202 \$425,000
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Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238



407 ORANGE STREET #312 \$325,000
Adams Point. 1BD/1BA large 900+sqft unit with many upgrades, new carpet, freshly painted throughout. Great tile kitchen/dining area. Many closets, walk-in closet in bedroom, quiet location in building.
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Heavens

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space. What do you recommend to go around it and insulate it? Also, there is one place where I want to redirect the duct to another part of the room. Instead of metal duct, is there another material I can use for ductwork that would be easier to work with?

A: Several manufacturers produce flexible insulated duct. I have a couple of ducts in my house, including two that run from my basement into the crawl space under our kitchen addition. My ducts consist of a flexible aluminum core wrapped in pink insulation, surrounded by a black plastic jacket, then fitted into the standard metal ducts. Not only do they hold in the heat in the winter and conditioned air in the summer, they eliminate condensation problems that occur on the surface of metal ducts in warmer weather.

You might be able to replace the metal duct in your crawl space with a flexible insulated one. Or — this is just an idea, I haven't tried it yet — wrap the existing metal duct in fiberglass insulation and sleeve in black plastic. It wouldn't be flexible, but it would be insulated.

Q: We recently purchased a ranch home with a full basement that is not heated. I suspect our hot

water is being cooled by the temperature of the basement air. We have looked at insulation to cover the hot-water pipes. There seem to be two or three types, including one that is an outer rubber shell.

A: I'm a big fan of the foam insulation that comes with a slit lengthwise and fits over the pipe. It cuts easily, is easy to work with. Insulate the cold-water pipes, too, so they won't sweat in the summer.

Q: I've seen a number of articles recently about the importance of getting the chimney swept every so often — one writer counseled doing it annually. Is that necessary if you burn only Durafume logs, or perhaps all that wax makes it more important?

What if you have a gas fireplace?

A: If you have a gas fireplace insert, annual chimney sweeping isn't necessary because it doesn't produce the creosote that would coat the inside of the chimney. And if you have a ventless gas fireplace, there's no need for sweeping at all because the damper is left open only a crack.

Durafume logs don't produce creosote, so I wouldn't have the chimney swept annually. But I would have it inspected periodically — every five years, at least.

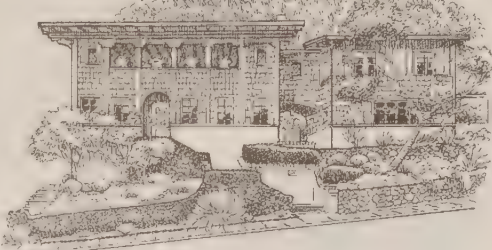
Much depends on the condition of the chimney to start with. If it is old, it should be inspected, if only to check the condition of the terra-cotta inside and the ma-

sonry, and then to have any creosote removed.

Q: There is a section of my Formica countertop that is looking tired. It is neither scratched nor cut, just tired. This is the section that is most used and is nearly 30 years old. Is there any technique or product to bring back the Formica's original luster and finish?

A: Probably not. I've done after 30 years. I didn't put hot pans on it, cleaning it with acetone, such as Gel-Gloss and peroxide. Why not? I've used it on countertops as a finish until you can afford to replace it or something more

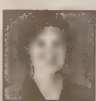
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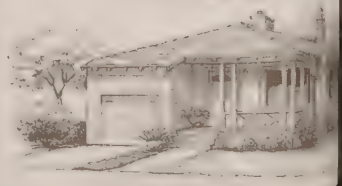
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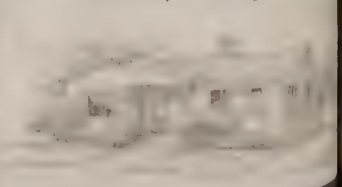
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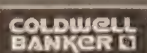
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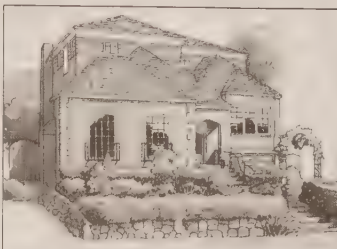
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This gracious Mediterranean in the center of town features elegant formal rooms and fine architectural detailing. Fabulous kitchen. Easy access to beautiful grounds and level rear lawn. Katherine Cooper

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180 SANDRINGHAM RD. \$2,195,000
Mediterranean perfection, remodeled throughout. Stately formal rooms, gourmet kitchen, 4BR/4.5BA, & au pair suite. Cul-de-sac location. Sandra Vogl
58 NACE AVENUE \$1,435,000
Sophisticated 3+BR/3.5BA w/Richard Janzen renovation design. Gourmet kitchen. Family room opens to gardens, stunning master suite. Jill Carrigan

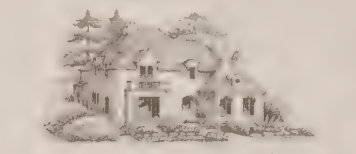


153 ARBOR DRIVE \$999,000
This wonderful 2+BR traditional home offers gracious formal rooms and a bonus room upstairs. The sunny eat-in kitchen opens onto a large level garden. Michelle Winkler

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95 WESTMINSTER DRIVE \$2,150,000
Dramatic & sophisticated Claremont Pines home, complete w/enchanting formal rooms, expansive kitchen, family room & home office. Outdoor terrace, gardens & pool. Debbi DiMaggio



857 PORTAL AVENUE \$1,195,000
Exquisite Crocker Highlands Tudor. Designer remodeled home w/Metropolitan flair. Original architectural details intact. Spacious master-retreat w/spa bath & Juliette terrace. Mary Merrick



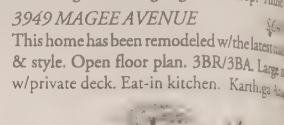
1163 EL CENTRO \$649,000
This 2BR/1BA Glenview bungalow offers charm in urban living. Hardwood floors, spacious natural light, fireplace, built ins, eat-in kitchen, gardens & garage/workshop! Anne



50 KNOLL RIDGE WAY \$1,895,000
Spectacular custom built home with panoramic parkland and reservoir views. One of a kind setting. Formal dining, dramatic living and family room, three car garage. Kurt Buchholz



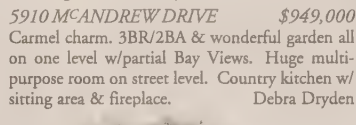
12 WOODSIDE GLEN CT. \$1,195,000
In Woodside Glen, this artfully designed 4BR/3.5BA Tudor was completed in 2004 & upgraded by its current owners. Landscaped patio garden, stunning kitchen/family room. Judith Cain



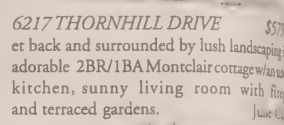
3949 MAGEE AVENUE \$949,000
This home has been remodeled w/the latest materials & style. Open floor plan. 3BR/3BA. Large master w/private deck. Eat-in kitchen. Karthiga



6265 VIRGO ROAD \$1,875,000
Exquisite custom-built Italian Villa 4BR/3.5BA home w/panoramic S.F. Bay/city views. Chef's kitchen/family room. Home theatre, wine cellar & much more. Steve Michaelides



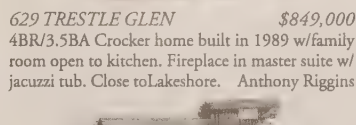
5910 MCANDREW DRIVE \$949,000
Carmel charm. 3BR/2BA & wonderful garden all on one level w/partial Bay Views. Huge multipurpose room on street level. Country kitchen w/sitting area & fireplace. Debra Dryden



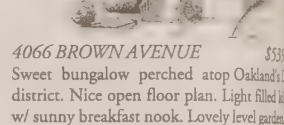
6217 THORNHILL DRIVE \$579,000
Set back and surrounded by lush landscaping is an adorable 2BR/1BA Montclair cottage w/unique kitchen, sunny living room with fireplace and terraced gardens. June



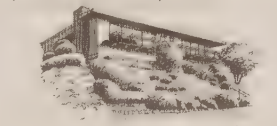
129 CALVERT COURT \$1,395,000
Off a cul-de-sac sits this 4+BR/3BA contemporary on over an acre. Renovated kitchen, South bay views, office and two family rooms! Dana Cohen



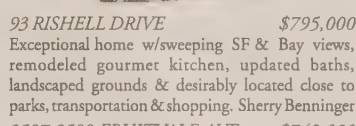
629 TRESTLE GLEN \$849,000
4BR/3.5BA Crocker home built in 1989 w/family room open to kitchen. Fireplace in master suite w/jacuzzi tub. Close to Lakeshore. Anthony Riggins



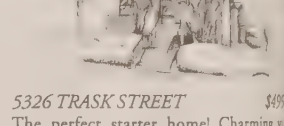
4066 BROWN AVENUE \$539,000
Sweet bungalow perched atop Oakland's Lakeshore district. Nice open floor plan. Light filled kitchen w/sunny breakfast nook. Lovely level garden. Freeway access. Debbi DiMaggio & Lisa



5780 MARGARIDO DRIVE \$1,385,000
Claremont Pines one level contemporary w/stunning Bay views & sophisticated open floor plan. Sunny central garden. 3BR/2+BA. Elizabeth Dickson



93 RISHILL DRIVE \$795,000
Exceptional home w/sweeping SF & Bay views, remodeled gourmet kitchen, updated baths, landscaped grounds & desirably located close to parks, transportation & shopping. Sherry Benninger
3597-3599 FRUITVALE AVE. \$749,000
A wonderful opportunity! Two single family homes on one large lot. Both w/2BR/1BA & a fireplace. Live in one & rent the other. Carol Brown



5326 TRASK STREET \$499,000
The perfect starter home! Charming w/2BR/1BA bungalow w/2BR/1BA. Updated kitchen. First dining room w/built-ins. Hardwood floors, fireplace, spacious garden. Hope

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507 GRIZZLY PEAK \$1,295,000
Custom 3BR/3BA traditional in the North Berkeley Hills. Updated eat-in-kitchen. Adjacent family room w/fireplace and cozy study. Large level garden. Karen Starr



677 SPRUCE STREET \$1,195,000
Classic Spanish architecture. All rooms are oriented to a spectacular Bay view or level garden. 3BR/4BR. Grand living room w/vaulted ceilings. In-law, office/wine room & family room. Ruth Frassetto



707 CRAGMONT AVENUE \$849,000
1920's home with great potential, lovely landscaping and Bay views! Work needed, but it is worthwhile! 3BR/1.5BA, formal dining room, workshop and attached garage. Bebe

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ELEGANT ESTATE \$6,500,000
PIEDMONT. This elegant Miller-Warnecke Tudor sits on beautifully landscaped grounds & includes gorgeous formal rooms, kitchen/family room, 5BR, library & 'club' room. Mindy Scott



TWO VIEW HOMES \$1,250,000
BERKELEY. COMPLETELY renovated in 2002 these two view homes merge old world charm w/modern convenience. The main house has 3+BR/3BA & the cottage has 1BR/1BA. Mavis Delacroix



BUNGALOW + COTTAGE \$749,000
OAKLAND. Charming 3BR bungalow w/2BR cottage! Exciting Oakland/Emeryville location. Zoned as duplex. Ruth

PIEDMONT CLASSIC \$2,800,000
PIEDMONT. Beautifully updated traditional w/large level gardens! 4BR/4.5BA, formal dining room, den plus family room. Exquisite! Bebe McRae

STUNNING BAY VIEWS \$1,220,000
BERKELEY. A sophisticated & dramatic home w/stunning Bay views & remodeled kitchen. Coveted cul-de-sac location close to shops & restaurants. 3BR/1.5BA. Lovely garden. Susie Schevill

TWO HOMES - ONE LOT \$749,000
OAKLAND. A wonderful opportunity! Two family homes on one large lot. Both w/2BR/1BA fireplace. Live in one & rent the other. Dana

EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$2,500,000
OAKLAND. New Price! Magnificent executive retreat + adjacent vacant lot! Panoramic views, exceptional craftsmanship! 5BR/3.5BA. Detached office, beautiful landscaping. Bebe McRae

CLAREMONT CLASSIC! \$995,000
BERKELEY. Lovely 4BR/2.5BA home w/wonderful indoor-outdoor flow located in the heart of the desirable Claremont neighborhood. The Ratcliffes

ENGLISH TRADITIONAL \$749,000
OAKLAND. Lovely English traditional in Lakeshore. Convenient location near restaurants & shops. 3BR/1+BA & family room w/kitchen. Level rear garden. Dana

ELEGANT MEDITERRANEAN \$1,800,000
PIEDMONT. Exquisite 3+BR/2.5BA Mediterranean. Grand formal rooms, master suite w/balcony & impressive gardens & lawn. Dana Cohen

CLAREMONT BEAUTY \$995,000
BERKELEY. A wonderful Claremont Beauty! Level entry, 3BR, den, formal dining, 2BA, attached garage, fenced garden. Great location, close to shops and BART! Bebe McRae

STYLISH TOWNHOUSE \$649,000
OAKLAND. Popular Leona Park Villas townhouse! Stylish & elegant. Mediterranean inspired. Fabulous master bedroom suite on top level. 2+BA w/gated front patio. Angela

UPDATED TO PERFECTION! \$1,479,000
BERKELEY. Pristine & immaculate 5BR/3BA traditional w/a family room & home office. Large level garden & deck. Views of San Francisco! Close to Kensington Village. Anthony Riggins

NORTHBRAE TRIPLEX \$850,000
BERKELEY. Two spacious units + studio. Level in to 2BR/2BA w/beautiful updated kitchen; up to 2BR/1BA. Near Monterey Market & BART! Bebe McRae

GLENVIEW CRAFTSMAN \$749,000
OAKLAND. Glenview "green" craftsman w/unique details. Spacious living room w/fireplace, dining room, kitchen w/nook, rear garden. Near shopping and transportation. Carolyn

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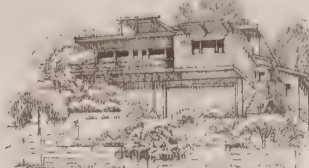
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36-29TH ST., RICHMOND
#38 - Clean home with spacious liv. rm. w/ fireplace, great kitchen w/ island. Resurfaced hwd floors, windows, recessed back yard, new sod & garage.



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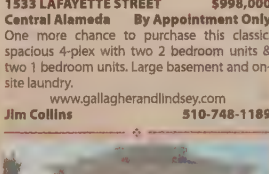
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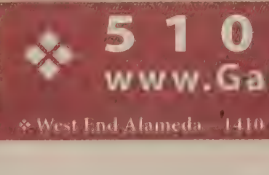
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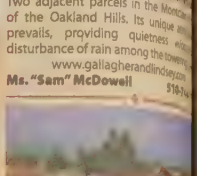
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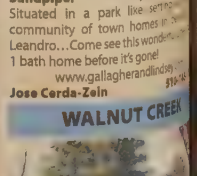
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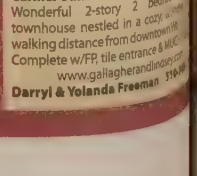
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Around the horn

All-ACCAL basketball teams named

De Anza High School's Darius Foster headed the list of players named to the all-Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys basketball team. Foster, a senior forward, was named the league's MVP. The first team included Wendell McKines (Richmond), Orlando Arnold (Richmond), Justin Newsome (Pinole Valley), Armani Jackson (Pinole Valley), Michael Johnson (De Anza), Robert Ellison (De Anza) and Leslie Hudson (Richmond). The second team was B.J. Lassiter (Pinole Valley), James Peterson (Encinal), Jonny Holder (Alameda), Peter Kortmann (Alameda), Duane Bageby (Berkeley), Lance Oliver (Pinole Valley), Elizar Chacha (De Anza) and Brian Guinn (Berkeley). The girls MVP was Pinole Valley's Jaleesa Ross. The first team included Jasmine Smith (Pinole Valley), Shonetta Crain-Williams (El Cerrito), Karise Miller (Alameda), Jennifer Gross (Berkeley) and Alexandria Mitchell (Berkeley). The second team was Jazmine Perkins (Berkeley), Deanna Swallow (Pinole Valley), Marique Arnold (Pinole Valley), Michelle Blaisdell (Alameda), Alexis Brown (Richmond), Camille Brown (Hercules), Ashley Rollins (El Cerrito) and Christina Nance (El Cerrito).

— Dave Carpenter

BSAL All-league basketball teams announced

Salesian's David Singleton was named MVP of the Bay Shore Athletic League for boys basketball. The first team was Kendall McCree (Salesian), Jason Roosevelt (St. Joseph Oliver (St. Mary's), The second team was Doug Jordan (Piedmont), Drew Gipson (Salesian), Nick Bailey (St. Joseph), Brandon Tatum (Kennedy) and Tim Jones (Kennedy). The girls league MVP was Piedmont's Chazny Morris. Also on the first team were Cristina Thomas (St. Mary's), Tori Hoke (Albany), Ann Crangle (Piedmont) and Alex Downing (St. Patrick-St. Vincent). The second team was Kelly Hoy (Salesian), Courtney Dunn (St. Mary's), Christina Johnson (St. Mary's), Alexis Bate (St. Patrick) and Casey Morris (Piedmont).

— Dave Carpenter

Winning streak continues

With three victories to start the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season, the El Cerrito High School boys volleyball team lengthened its league winning streak to at least 45 matches. The Gauchos have not lost a league match since the 2000 season.

— Phil Jensen

All-star girls hoops tryouts

The North Coast Express all-star women's basketball program will start holding tryouts for its high school divisions from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alameda High School on Saturday. Call program director Ed Ruiz at 510-967-7849 or Stephen Buratt at 510-435-5821.

— Mike McGreehan

Zion Lutheran wins boys basketball title

The Zion Lutheran Church elementary school boys basketball team won the Greater Bay Area Lutheran schools championship in a three-day tournament in Woodside last weekend and finished undefeated in the process. The Panthers completed their 17-0 season on Sunday with a 65-25 win over the Braves of Redeemer Lutheran in Woodside City in the final. The win was Zion's third over Redeemer this season. In all, 22 teams took part in the tournament. Zion opened play with a 10-10 tie with wins of 71-15 over West Portal-San Francisco and 61-13 over St. Luke's-Santa Rosa. The Panthers advanced to the semifinals on March 11, where they enjoyed a 53-29 win over St. John's-Napa. The Panthers had previously beaten St. John's by one point in an invitational tournament on Jan. 15.

— Mike McGreehan

On deck

Girls basketball, California Interscholastic Federation Division I state championship game: Berkeley vs. Long Beach Poly at ARCO Arena, Saturday, 6 p.m. — Berkeley will compete in its first state title game since 2001 and its seventh in the last 17 years.

Baseball, John Swett vs. Albany at Cougar Field, today, 3:30 p.m. — Both teams entered the opening week of BSAL play with winning records. Albany was 2-1 and John Swett was 2-0.

Softball, Albany at John Swett, today, 3:30 p.m. — An early season test for both of these BSAL contenders.

Boys golf, St. Joseph Notre Dame vs. Albany at Tilden, Tuesday, 3 p.m. — The last time the Pilgrims faced the Cougars' Adam Barkow in the Bay Shore Athletic League play, Yu won medalist honors on the first playoff hole at last year's BSAL tournament.

Stars of the week

Alexandria Mitchell, Berkeley girls basketball — Mitchell scored a game-high 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the Yellow Jackets' 66-28 opening of Napa in the CIF Division I Northern Region final on Saturday. She also had 17 points in a 34-40 semifinal win over Sheldon-Sacramento.

Norio Hollands, El Cerrito baseball — Hollands pitched six innings of one-hit ball with 12 strikeouts in a 7-0 win over Vallejo. He also went 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI.

Frank Atkins, Albany baseball — Atkins went 4-for-2 with two runs scored and five RBI in an 11-5 victory over Sir Francis Drake.

Anthony Gilmore, St. Mary's baseball — Gilmore went 3-for-3 with a run scored and four RBI in a 10-8 win over St. Thomas Moore-San Jose.

Berkeley finishes job

Jackets don't give Napa a chance, make state final

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

If Berkeley High School girls basketball coach Gene Nakamura would have known that a closed-door meeting between him and his players was all the Yellow Jackets needed, he probably would have held it earlier in the season.

"Basically, I told them the opportunity they had, and that if they go 3-0 they are NorCal champs," said Nakamura of a meeting on March 6 after Berkeley's loss to San Ramon Valley in the North Coast Section Division I title game. "I told them to forget the section, and that it is a brand new season."

The Yellow Jackets, who were 4-7 at one point this season, heeded Nakamura's advice, rolling to three

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— Berkeley coach Gene Nakamura, on his pep talk to his team after its loss to San Ramon Valley in the NCS Division I title game

straight California Interscholastic Federation Northern regional blowout wins, including last Saturday's Division I final.

Berkeley (21-11) capped NorCal play with a 66-28 win over Napa at Arco Arena in Sacramento. The 38-point margin was the largest ever in a NorCal boys or girls championship

game.

The win puts Berkeley in its first state title game since 2001 and its seventh in the last 17 years. The Yellow Jackets play Long Beach Poly in Saturday's Division I final at Arco Arena at 6 p.m.

"That was one of the best games we have played," said sophomore

Jazmine Perkins, whose team squandered a 14-point third-quarter lead to San Ramon Valley in the NCS final at the Arena in Oakland. "We finished. Usually, we'll play hard and then let (our opponents) come back."

With three players scoring in double figures and a full-court press that caused 18 turnovers, the Yellow Jackets didn't have any problems losing a sizable lead against Napa (31-3).

Alexandria Mitchell, Jennifer Gross and Perkins all scored in double figures as Berkeley led wire-to-wire and never let the Indians get closer than 8-5 with 4:44 left in the first quarter.

Gross scored six of her 16 points in the first quarter and Mitchell and

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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Kiara Lewis drives against Sacramento's Charnae Odom during the Gauchos' 58-49 loss at Berkeley High School on March 9.

Sacramento ends El Cerrito's quest in semifinals

El Cerrito remains unbeaten in ACCAL

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School boys volleyball team improved to 3-0 in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play with a 25-6, 25-10, 25-14 victory over host Alameda on Tuesday.

El Cerrito's Don Miguel Tutass had seven kills, and teammate Ramon Herrera passed for 13 assists. The Gauchos' Michael Hudley and Robert Duffala combined for 37 service points — Hudley had 24 and Duffala had 13. The win gave the Gauchos eight victories in their first 11

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matches overall.

The Gauchos traveled to face De Anza Thursday in a battle between two 3-0 ACCAL teams. The results were not available at press time.

Berkeley d. Richmond: Bryan Ushijima passed for 25 assists, and teammate Tomek Stec had 10 kills and four aces as the host Yellow Jackets defeated the Oilers 25-22,

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By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

Shonetta Crain-Williams scored 10 of her game-high 19 points in the second half, but her effort wasn't enough to help the top-seeded El Cerrito High School girls basketball team overcome a sluggish first half in a 58-49 loss to visiting Sacramento in the NorCal Division III semifinal at Berkeley High on March 9.

El Cerrito (27-5) shot 8-for-32 from the field in the first two quarters and trailed 32-18 at halftime.

"We knew from the beginning what we should be doing," said

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Crain-Williams, who also had eight rebounds, and six steals. "But we went away from it at first. But in the second half, we started attacking."

Crain-Williams helped the Gauchos, who trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half, start the third quarter on an 8-2 run by scoring six points in the surge.

El Cerrito got as close as 40-35 with 19.9 seconds left in the

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BSAL SOFTBALL PREVIEW

■ **SEASON:** Started March 15, ends May 19

■ **LAST SEASON'S PLAYOFF TEAMS:** Salesian reached the NCS Class A semifinals; Piedmont reached the NCS 2A East Bay quarterfinals; Albany reached the NCS 2A East Bay first round; St. Mary's reached the NCS Class A first round; St. Patrick-St. Vincent reached the NCS Class A first round.

■ **5 GAMES TO WATCH:** St. Patrick-St. Vincent at Piedmont, March 17; Albany at John Swett, March 17; St. Patrick-St. Vincent at St. Mary's, March 24; Salesian at Piedmont, May 19; St. Mary's at Albany, May 19

Albany

■ **COACH:** Stephanie Vasarihelyi, second season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 10-13, 9-9 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNNEES:** P/C Leana Petri, Sr.; SS Laura Cannon, So.; 2B/OF CF Amanda Hansen, Sr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** 2B/UTL Hannah

PROJECTED FINISH:

1. St. Patrick-St. Vincent
2. Piedmont
3. St. Mary's
4. Albany
5. John Swett
6. Salesian
7. St. Elizabeth
8. Holy Names
9. Kennedy
10. St. Joseph Notre Dame

Kramer, Fr.; 3B/UTL Abby Ridley-Kerr, Fr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** None

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Cougars return 12 players and nine starters, including first-team

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BSAL BASEBALL PREVIEW

■ **SEASON:** Started March 15; ends May 9

■ **LAST SEASON'S PLAYOFF TEAMS:** Salesian reached the first round of NCS Class A; both Albany and St. Mary's reached the first round of NCS 2A East Bay.

■ **FIVE GAMES TO WATCH:** March 17 — John Swett at Albany; March 24 — John Swett at Salesian; March 29 — Salesian at St. Mary's; April 5 — St. Mary's at John Swett; April 10 — St. Mary's at Albany

■ **ONLINE:** For an inside look at Mike McGreehan's BSAL predictions, see the East Bay Prep Sports blog at ContraCostaTimes.com.

Albany

■ **COACH:** Jim Giblin, fifth season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 15-9, 12-4

■ **TOP RETURNNEES:** P/SS Jason Bennett, P/1B John Pirkle, C Carleton Steudeman, OF/P Tom Supple, OF Fred Atkins, 2B Zach Babbitt, UT Gabe Pressnall, 3B/P Graeme Agate, OF Lucas Cannon

PROJECTED FINISH:

1. St. Mary's
2. Albany
3. John Swett
4. Salesian
5. Piedmont
6. St. Patrick-St. Vincent
7. St. Joseph
8. St. Elizabeth
9. Kennedy

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** IF/P Kyle Shipley, OF Brandon Adney, 1B Kyle Azi, OF/P Spencer McNamara, C Juna Murakawa

■ **KEY LOSSES:** UT Greg Johnson, OF Kyle Page

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Softball

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all-league pick Laura Cannon. They started the season with a 1-1 record, including an 11-5 victory over Acalanes. The team, which has eight seniors, has a solid foundation.

Holy Names

■ **COACH:** Co-coaches Lauren Fong and Patrick Kennedy, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 1-15 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** INF Erin Archer, Sr.; 2B Alyssa Perez, Jr.; UTL Adjoa Wynn, So.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** P Arzine Lee, Fr.; C Leah Belzer, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** None

■ **OUTLOOK:** Archer, who was the team's No. 1 pitcher last year, has moved to the infield to make way for Lee. "She has really good stuff," said Fong, who was an assistant coach with the Monarchs last season.

John Swett

■ **COACH:** Claudia Williams, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 13-8, 11-6 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** 2B Courtney Palapaz, Jr.; SS Darlie Chellaw, Sr.; P Kelli Bailey, Sr.; C Jamiee Yacovetti, So.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** OF Sam Yacovetti, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** P/2B Candace Myers, C Kim Byrne, 1B Simone Soria

■ **OUTLOOK:** Williams is a 2001 John Swett graduate and was a four-year starter at first base for St. Mary's College, where she holds school single-season and career home run records. Bailey, a standout both on the mound and at the plate, was a first-team all-league selection last year for the Indians, who have three returning starters. Chellaw and Sam Yacovetti also have provided pop at the plate for John Swett, which started the season with a 2-0 record.

Kennedy

■ **COACH:** Guthrie Fleischman, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 6-18, 3-15 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** 3B Sharrell Duncan, Sr.; P/SS Khita Shavens, So.; 1B/2B Jeanie Burton, Jr.; C/IF Khissa Shavens, So.; INF/C Monica Magana, So.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** P Rebecca Johnson, Sr.; 1B Lisa Taylor, Jr.; OF Kenya Wilcoits, Fr.; OF Clarke Jones, Fr.; OF Sharlee Battle, Fr.

■ **KEY LOSS:** P/OF Guadalupe Magana

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Eagles have many players returning, including second-team all-leaguer Khita Shavens, and a wealth of talented freshmen. "We look to make a lot of improvements," Fleischman said. "We have a new pitcher who is doing well (Johnson), and a young, returning core that's excited to play."

Piedmont

■ **COACH:** Jen Deering, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 16-10, 11-7

■ **KEY RETURNES:** P Mina Duffy, So.; P Jessica Bibby, Jr.; SS Sally Baker, Sr.; 1B Anna Berger, Sr.; OF/C Allison Shuster, Jr.; 2B Caroline Goddard, Jr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** CF Gabby Yao-Cohen, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** C Sally Peterson, OF Jocelyn Woolsey

■ **OUTLOOK:** Deering pitched for the 2002 NCAA champion Cal squad. She has an ace pitcher this season in Duffy, who throws heat, and an off-speed pitcher in Bibby. "I definitely plan on using both of them," Deering said. The junior-dominated Highlanders lost only two players from last year. They started the season 0-1 with a 4-0 loss to Berean Christian on Tuesday. Duffy was a first-team all-league selection last season.

St. Elizabeth

■ **COACH:** Paul Keener, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 4-17, 2-15 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** P Gina Valenzuela, Jr.; SS Rostini Gomez, Sr.; C Claudia Gomez, Sr.; 3B Marcy Maldonado, Sr.; INF Lydia Padilla, Sr.; CF Irais Rodriguez, Jr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** 2B Brenda Marcado, Sr.; LF Jacqueline Orozco, Jr.; 1B Bianca Chaldez, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** 3B/P Krista Benavidez; P/1B Melanie Amos, CF Tyisha Davis

■ **OUTLOOK:** "I'm very excited about the team," said Keener, whose squad started the season with a 1-1 record. "We have a lot of maturity on the team." The Mustangs are playing home games this season at Garfield Elementary School, approximately two miles from St. Elizabeth, instead of in San Leandro.

St. Joseph Notre Dame

■ **COACH:** Co-coaches Alexis Norris and Alesha Dicko, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 6-12 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** SS Claudia Rocha, So.; P Edienne Gloria, Jr.; 1B Angelica Wardle, So.; C Daphane Batoy, Jr.; 2B Ann Dam, Sr.; OF Kelle Fleming, Jr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** OF Molly McKenzie, Fr.; OF Chelsea Lancaster, Fr.; OF Angelica Alleyne, Fr.; P/3B Nancy Nguyen, Sr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** 3B Rachel Galaraga, 2B Jane Sim, 1B Jessica Reader, C/OF Gabrielle Ciprazo, UTL Jackie Acosta, C Cameron Moore

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Pilots started this season with a 1-2 record, but both of the losses were by 16 runs or more. Rocha and Nguyen have been hitting well for St. Joseph, which has six returners. Approximately half the players have no softball experience, Dicko said.

St. Mary's

■ **COACH:** Helmut Tutass, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 17-6, 14-4 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** SS Margo Winton, Sr.; C Paige Freiburger, Jr.; P Bijou Felder, Jr.; OF/SS Courtney Moore, So.; 3B/P Jenna Starkey, Sr.; RF Gabby Sanchez, Sr.; 2B Emma Riley, Sr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMER:** LF Morgan Moglia, So.

■ **KEY LOSS:** 1B Nettie Hubbard

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Panthers started this season with a 1-1 record. "We have hit the ball really well, Bijou is pitching exceptionally well. The girls are focused and goal-oriented," Tutass said. Felder, Moore and Freiburger were all first-team all-league picks last season.

St. Patrick-St. Vincent

■ **COACH:** Rich Gigliotti, sixth season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 21-2, 17-1 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** P/3B Courtney Peretto, Sr.; C Jarica Blakeley, Sr.; P/3B Ashley Jackson, Jr.; OF Jackie Domesius, Jr.; 2B/C Malorie Wilson, Jr.; UTL Kristen Skinner, So.; OF Jamie Leite, Sr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** UTL Taylor Anne Harris, Fr.; OF Kortney Wynn, So.; 1B/OF Vanessa Barerra, So.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** 1B Kara Chiono, OF Angela Raygoza, OF Helen Castro

■ **OUTLOOK:** The three-time defending league champions have six starters returning, including three first-team all-leaguers: Peretto, Blakeley and Jackson, who bat 3-4-5 in the lineup. The Bruins have a powerful pitching tandem with Peretto and Jackson, who were a combined 21-2 last year. St. Patrick-St. Vincent lost its opener 3-1 to Marin Catholic last week.

Salesian

■ **COACH:** Dolores Bonds, 16th season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 18-6, 14-4 BSAL

■ **KEY RETURNES:** OF Brittany Herrera, So.; C Christina Raine, Jr.; SS Stephanie Koski, Sr.; P Samantha Bond, Jr.; 2B Arianna Roach, So.; OF Suzanne Lee, Sr.

■ **KEY NEWCOMERS:** 1B Christine Leon, Sr.; 3B Ashleigh Crocker, Jr.; OF Angelina Garcia, Jr.

■ **KEY LOSSES:** P Allison Donnelly, 1B Tiffany Spradlin, OF Kimiko Ramos, OF Sarah Voisey

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Chieftains, who have six returning starters, will have to deal with the loss of Donnelly, the 2005 BSAL MVP. Bond, who didn't pitch last season, will take the mound this season. Raine is a strong middle-of-the-lineup hitter, and Roach is a spark for the team in the leadoff position.

— Phil Jensen

Baseball

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■ **OUTLOOK:** Giblin, cautiously optimistic, expects to have a good team with decent pitching. Opposing BSAL coaches expect the Cougars to compete for the top spot in the league.

John Swett

■ **COACH:** Ed Hammer, first year

■ **2005 RECORD:** 18-6, 11-5

■ **TOP RETURNES:** C Rich Ratliff, UT Brandon Gillette, 2B Travis Gillespie, OF Joe Jennings, UT Tim Hamilton, OF David Howard, OF Sam Ray

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** P/CF Jonathan Van Looy, P/UTL Corey Edmunds, P Joe Williams, UTL/P Drew Word, SS/P Andrew Birkovich, 3B Aaron Davis

■ **KEY LOSSES:** SS/P Jimmy Donahue, 3B Jimmy Porter, C/OF Sammy Jimenez, UTL Dominic Harbin

■ **OUTLOOK:** Van Looy, the 2005 league MVP who transferred from Salesian, is a major addition. But he can't pitch every game, and his new teammates are young. Hammer, who headed De Anza the past five seasons, takes over for John Angell.

Kennedy

■ **COACH:** Nick Salibridi, fourth season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 0-22, 0-16

■ **TOP RETURNES:** 2B Jerson Ponce, OF Jose Gandara, C Darrell Ocampo

■ **TOP NEWCOMER:** OF/P Royce Hughes

■ **KEY LOSS:** UT Mehlanjah Martin

■ **OUTLOOK:** Kennedy hopes to es-

cape the cellar but is a young team. "If we can keep a team together through the season, there will be some improvement," Salibridi says.

Piedmont

■ **COACH:** Mike Humphries, 31st season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 7-16, 5-11

■ **TOP RETURNES:** C Deren Rehr-Davis, OF/P Rick Relinger, SS/P Michael Saenz, P/1B Jordan Remer, P/OF Alex Menke

■ **TOP NEWCOMER:** 3B/P Bryce Chu

■ **KEY LOSSES:** CF Ben Burg, 1B Olin Applegate, SS Jon Cox

■ **OUTLOOK:** Piedmont has enjoyed some strong seasons in the past, but 2005 was not one of them. Look for a more experienced Highlanders team to improve this year. Piedmont has a wealth of pitching, but hitting and defense are question marks.

St. Elizabeth

■ **COACH:** Carlson Edwards, second season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 4-16, 2-13

■ **TOP RETURNES:** 3B/P Orlando Crum, C/P Aaron Kingdom, OF/2B Juan Casillas, OF/P Arthur Guess

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** P/SS Kareem Edwards, 1B Manuel Landeverde

■ **KEY LOSSES:** SS Matt Marquez, CF Jose Mora

■ **OUTLOOK:** Coach Edwards expects the team to be better than in previous years. Still, the Mustangs will be hard-pressed to compete with the big guns of the BSAL. St. Elizabeth avoided the league basement last year, and should do so again this year.

Berkeley

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Perkins had nine and six points, respectively, in the second quarter to help Berkeley take a 34-20 halftime lead. Mitchell finished with a game-high 17 points and eight rebounds, and Perkins had 15 points, eight rebounds and two assists.

Girls

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quarter. El Cerrito also forced seven turnovers in the period to get back in it.

The Gauchos' aggressive play also put Sacramento's front line, which has three players 6-foot-1 and taller, in foul trouble. Baylor-bound Jessika Bradley and Vicki Baugh, one of the top junior post players in the country, each scored 12 points for Sacra-

mento (31-3).

Senior Myleka Emerson had 11 points for El Cerrito.

Sacred Heart Cathedral-San Francisco 69, St. Mary's 31: Jazmine Jackson scored 13 of her game-high 25 points in the first half as the Fighting Irish (30-2) dominated the visiting Panthers (21-13) in a Division IV regional semifinal on March 9.

Top-seeded Sacred Heart Cathedral had a 15-2 lead after the first quarter and a 35-10 advantage at halftime. Cristina

Boys

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25-15, 25-18 on Tuesday. Berkeley improved to 2-1 in ACCAL action with the victory.

El Cerrito 4, Berkeley: Tutass had 12 kills and four blocks in the visiting Gauchos' 25-20, 29-27, 25-21 victory on March 9.

Hudley added 13 service points. Berkeley's Ushijima passed for 28 assists and teammate Pen Gruth had 12 kills.

TENNIS

El Cerrito 4, De Anza 3: The Gauchos won three of the four singles matches in their ACCAL opener on Tuesday.

In a three-set thriller, El Cerrito's Alex Mahr defeated Har- ick Hernandez 7-5, 4-6, 9-7 in the No. 4 singles match.

St. Joseph

■ **COACH:** Mark Palmore, third season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 11-10-1, 8-8

■ **TOP RETURNES:** SS/P Zack Braband, P/OF Scott Camp, CF Steven Rivera, 3B/DH Scott Fowler

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** UT Tyler Brown, C Bill Connacher

■ **KEY LOSSES:** OF Mark Almeida, SS Joe Republican, OF Nick Rivera

■ **OUTLOOK:** St. Joseph should again be a middle-of-the-packer. The Pilots have some good returning players and some promising new ones. They also lost experience and talent to graduation.

St. Mary's

■ **COACH:** Andy Shimabukuru, 10th season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 16-9, 11-5

■ **TOP RETURNES:** C Nick Safir, SS Noah Ingram, 3B Ade Olanrewaju, P/1B Matt Fiemmer, P/IF Marcus Semien, P.J.D. Pierce

■ **TOP NEWCOMERS:** IF Jordan Wilder, OF Anthony Gilmore

■ **KEY LOSSES:** C Dave McGuinness, IF/P Scott Tully, OF Spencer Winton

■ **OUTLOOK:** St. Mary's talent-laden roster has many seeing the Panthers as the toast of the BSAL. And Shimabukuru likes his chances. "This is probably one of the best teams I've had at St. Mary's," he says. "Three or four teams can win this league and I definitely see us as one of them. I definitely see us contending."

St. Patrick-St. Vincent

■ **COACH:** Blair Polien, second season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 10-12, 9-7

Napa finished the game 10-for-42 from the field and was out-rebounded 37-20, including 15-5 on the offensive end.

"I thought tonight was our worst game of the season," said Napa coach Darci Lewis, whose team made its first appearance in a NorCal final. "Tonight was a bad night."

Heather Gunderson led Napa with 14 points and was the only

■ **TOP RETURNES:** CF P/IF Elliott Gabriel, SS Mike Michael Branch

■ **TOP NEWCOMER:** P/IF her

■ **KEY LOSSES:** P/1B and Cordero, C Josh Gabe

■ **OUTLOOK:** The Bruins already has been stymied by Alhady's sore arm and a collarbone that OF/IF Pollen suffered in soccer. Pollen is both to return to action by the half of the season. Deering backs, as well as fielding a team, Pollen is optimistic.

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■ **COACH:** Mark Castelli, first season

■ **2005 RECORD:** 17-8, 13-5

■ **TOP RETURNES:** SS/P/IF caire, CF Ryan Chung, P/IF Nimri, C Josh Smith, 1B and P/OF Carlos Fuentes, OF 3B/OF Kevin Piva

■ **KEY LOSSES:** 2B Lette, 3B Brian Apodaca, C Castillo

■ **KEY LOSSES:** P/IF Looey, P/2B Jordan Jackson, D/IF Castillo

■ **OUTLOOK:** The defending champions have some promising newcomers and a strong defense. Castillo calls a "legitimate vision I prospect." The vision mark is pitching, given the fer of Van Looy and the grade Jackson. Nonetheless, Castillo expects his team to contend.

— Mike Jensen

Indian in double figures

Berkeley 60, Shasta Mitchell and Gross each 17 points for Berkeley. Perkins added 15 in the 1 Northern regional semifinal on March 9.

Sheldon (24-9) led 15-0 the first quarter but scored three points in the second ter and trailed 24-18 at the

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A few local athletes their Oakland Strokes teams win their 2006 opening season bouts.

James Barnett and Bice, both of Berkeley School, were part of the varsity 8 team that won by 11 seconds. Barnett also were part of a varsity 4 team.

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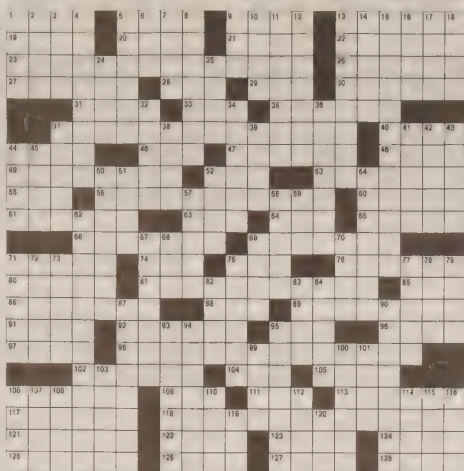
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a wealthy young British businessman still in honeymoon mode with his new wife (Scarlett Johansson). — R. Butler. (PG: thematic material, sensuality, language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C

"HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE": It smells an awful lot like teen spirit in the fourth installment of the phenomenal series about an orphaned boy with sorcerer abilities. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) grows up fast as he faces down a pack of vicious mermaids, fights an ill-tempered dragon and discovers the opposite sex. Director Mike Newell ("Four Weddings and a Funeral") makes "Goblet" way too scary for the little ones, but strikes a chord with the material, showing us the dark side of adolescence. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sequences of fantasy violence, frightening images.) 2 hours, 37 minutes. B

"THE HILLS HAVE EYES": Repulsive as this film is, it's also suspenseful and has something serious on its mind: long-term, irreversible effects of bad government decisions. In this case, nuclear testing that resulted in a bunch of mutated, cannibalistic humans who

feast on a family that pulls into their deserted corner of the desert. — C. Hewitt. (R: gruesome violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B

"HOODWINKED": Clever, peppy and hilarious, the first animated release from Kanbar Animation takes the "Little Red Riding Hood" tale and tweaks it. In a tip of the hat to "Rashomon," four versions of a "crime" are told by Red, the Wolf, the Woodsman and Granny. The questioning reveals alter egos that are both surprising and irreverent. The animation isn't on a par with Pixar or DreamWorks, but this journey into the woods is an absolute delight, cool for hipsters and the entire family. — R. Myers. (PG: some mild action and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. A

"HOSTEL": Few horror movies are truly disturbing. This one is. Twentysomething friends Paxton (Jay Hernandez) and Josh (Derek Richardson) smoke hash and chase foreign females. Then a stranger encourages them to take the train to Slovakia, where there's a hostel with the most amazing women. Everything falls into the young men's laps ... until they find themselves hand-

cuffed to chairs in a dungeon with a variety of sharp tools and wild-eyed people with ideas about how to use them. — C. Lemire. (R: brutal scenes of torture and violence, strong sexual content, language and drug use.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C+

"IMAGINE ME & YOU": Like "Brokeback Mountain," this movie takes the homosexuality of its leads as a matter of fact. Here they're women, one a bride-to-be who locks eyes with the wedding florist and, presto-change-o, senses she's in love. Could be fun, but it's a gooey, tiresome bore. — G. Whipp. (R: language, sexual material.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. D

"JOYEUX NOEL (MERRY CHRISTMAS)": In mining the strange but true stories of Christmas fraternization across enemy lines, writer-director Christian Carion beautifully captures a moment in time during World War I when the impersonal madness in the trenches ebbs amid a spirit of holiday cheer. — D. Germain. (R: war violence, See MOVIES, Page C7

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"KONG": A spectacular, but under three hours plus! — from director Peter Jackson ("The Rings"). Naomi Watts is a wonderful damsel in distress, who becomes the love of the 25-foot ape's affection. The movie is a special-effects masterpiece that expresses both sympathy for the beast who woos the beauty who is his downfall. Also great is Skull

Island — a tropical nightmare filled with hellish sights and savages. — R. Myers. (PG-13: frightening adventure violence and some disturbing images.) 3 hours, 7 minutes. B+

"LAST HOLIDAY": Retail clerk Georgie Byrd (Queen Latifah) learns she has only three weeks to live. The prognosis leads the overly conscientious woman into making a U-turn, selling off bonds and going on a decadent European vacation. Thanks to a huggable performance by Latifah — who transforms from a timid milquetoast to a speak-her-mind Cinderella — it works. Director Wayne Wang ("The Joy Luck Club") shows great affection for both his characters

and situations, plus LL Cool J is charming as the shy love interest. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some sexual references.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B+

"THE LIBERTINE": In this flagrantly vulgar film about the rude, debauched second Earl of Rochester, actor Johnny Depp runs wild. With his Van Halen-like mane, dirty fingernails and perma-sneer, he makes the lurid goings-on in this filthy 17th century period piece watchable. Director Laurence Dunmore should have picked up the pace, but he's created a dreary England we rarely see on the big screen. — R. Myers. (R: strong sexuality including dialogue, violence and language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. B-

"LOOKING FOR COMEDY IN THE MUSLIM WORLD": This Albert Brooks satire takes a promising premise and squanders it with lame jokes and predictable situations. The whiny Brooks heads to India to learn what makes Muslims laugh at the best of the U.S. government. Brooks, so good in "Broadcast News" and "Defending Your Life," serves up clunky jokes and feeble commentary. After a promising start, it turns painfully unfunny. — R. Myers. (PG-13: drug content, brief strong language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. D+

"MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION": Tyler Perry wrote, directed, produced and scored this sequel to "Diary of a Mad

Black Woman." Think of it as a department store: Melodrama on the first floor; gospel sermon on the third. Not to mention fart jokes and sex riffs. But there's a message about self-respect too, and it's hard to ignore. — W. Morris. (PG-13: mature thematic material, domestic violence, sex, drug references.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C

"MANDERLAY": In the second film of Lars von Trier's abstract trilogy, it's the 1930s and the fugitive Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard, filling in for Nicole Kidman) has left the violent setting of "Dogville" and is on the run with her gangster father. In Alabama, she feels compelled to remain at the Manderlay plantation, where slavery strangely still

thrives. — C. Lemire. (Not rated: contains language, violence, nudity, sexual situations.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. C-

"THE MATADOR": Pierce Brosnan plays against type as Julian, an international assassin facing a serious career meltdown, who strikes up an unlikely friendship with struggling, straight-arrow businessman Danny (Greg Kinnear). The two meet over margaritas in a hotel bar in Mexico City, then go their separate ways soon after. But something has happened between them that we won't know until six months later, when Julian shows up at Danny's door. (R: strong sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B

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WEAVING plays title character V in the thriller "V for Vendetta," which also stars Natalie Portman. The film deals with topical issues, and will likely spur intense dialogue.

Revolution now begins with 'V'

Randy Myers

STAFF WRITER
That's the first word to mind while watching "Vendetta."

Revolution is the second. Descriptions, from enthralling to thoughtful, can be applied to this complex futuristic thriller. "Vendetta" is hackable, though, is that it's a back away from its own conventions.

Like the zeal, it persists for revolution, with a message that is as shouted through. Even the closing song

feels like "V" will de-politicize. Liberals will be thankful it will vilify it. "Vendetta" makers are the Bush administration, the Patriot Act and how they dissent.

Time feature director McTeigue and screenwriter Andy and Larry Wachowski, "The Matrix" fame, slam their message on us to wiser up and governments accountable they give away all our



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AFTER BEING rescued by V, Evey (Natalie Portman) becomes involved in his plot.

rights.

"Vendetta" boldly steps into incendiary territory, sympathetically portraying a character who sees terrorism as his only means to awaken a slumbering society.

And because it tackles topical issues, the film has been delayed. It was yanked after the

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "V for Vendetta"

■ **STARRING:** Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving, Stephen Rea, John Hurt

■ **RATING:** R (strong violence and some language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 13 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters.

■ **GRADE:** B+

■ **ONLINE:** See the trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com.

London subway bombings. Smart move.

Based on the popular late '80s graphic novel by Alan Moore and David Lloyd, "Vendetta" invents a frightening Orwellian future for England, where a fascist government manipulates and preys on the masses.

Chancellor Sutler (John Hurt) is the wizard behind the curtain, bellowing and appearing larger than life on TV screens. To further spread hatred and fear, a vain and angry TV celebrity snarls about those who don't con-

form, another sign that Big Brother controls the media.

Any form of dissent or individuality is snuffed out. Homosexuality is regarded as a crime.

Rebellion arrives in the form of V, an enigmatic man wearing a white porcelain mask. Hugo Weaving, the unforgettable Agent Smith from the "Matrix" movies, plays him with "Phantom"-like appeal.

As angry as he is erudite, V is plotting to blow Parliament sky high on "the fifth of November," the date in history when terrorist Guy Fawkes was hauled in for planning to do just that back in 1606. The government killed Fawkes along with others involved in the plot.

One night, news assistant Evey (Natalie Portman) is being attacked by governmental thugs for breaking curfew. Looking like a meld between Zorro and Phantom of the Opera, V appears, and uses his jujitsu-like knives to rescue the terrified young woman.

V slowly introduces Evey to his world, and she becomes intrigued by this renaissance man, a lover of books, fine art and the

lilt of alliteration. He also has a thing for explosives. On the night of their first meeting, he gives her a bird's-eye view of his handiwork, the obliteration of a federal building. Next year, he plans to do the same with Parliament.

Snippets about V's past creep out, and soon Evey cobbles together why this man is so hell-bent on revenge and destruction.

Meanwhile, an inspector (a suitably weary-looking Stephen Rea of "The Crying Game") pursues V and Evey. His investigation shatters his reserved exterior as he uncovers layer after layer of governmental malfeasance.

But it is Evey we relate to, as she begins to understand and even identify with V's self-destructive mission. Her transformation is as unpredictable as the film itself, one of the most provocative big-budget movies to come out in quite some time.

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Galleries

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Other films, shown on monitors throughout the exhibit's two galleries, expand and explain the collection. Among the highlights are Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray's seven-minute "Anemic Cinema" experiment from 1926 and a documentary showing Robert Smithson walking along his "Spiral Jetty" carved into the shoreline of the Great Salt Lake.

Jackson Pollock's "Number 6," a modest-sized 35-by-36-inch treasure from the museum's collection, is paired with Hans Namuth's 1951 film "Pollock Painting." On the film's soundtrack, Pollock says that the modern artist "is working with space and time, and expressing his feelings rather than illustrating."

If Pollock is conveying motion, the kinetic sculptures in the exhibit are actually in motion. The starting point, hanging in the museum's atrium, is one of Alexander Calder's still-marvelous mobiles, "Nine Elements," from 1952.

In 1966, the museum's

founding director, Peter Selz, organized the exhibit "Directions in Kinetic Sculpture," featuring artists using aerodynamics, motors, rotors and magnets.

The current exhibit includes works by many of those artists. Pol Bury's "Arcs on a Plane," with aluminum panels creeping and colliding across a platform, is fascinating to watch, but the kinetic collection has the feel of vintage futurism.

Shirley Shor, a young Israeli-born artist who now lives in San Francisco, brings all of this up to date with dazzling impact in "Landslide," created in 2004. It's an animated map projected from above on a sculptured landscape of sand like a pixelated view of

rapidly changing demographics. When it comes to rest, it looks like a camouflaged desert.

Shor explains in her notes that mapmaking is "an implicitly political act," and her colorful, fragmented map is constantly shifting and sliding. The computer program she developed will vary the patterns and colors endlessly, never repeating them exactly. "Landslide," whether it represents a foreign desert or something more like the densely populated Bay Area, suggests where artists may take concepts of time and space in the future.

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CTIONS AND CLASSES

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Baseball is past moral repair

NO, BARRY BONDS isn't a disgrace to baseball. You can't disgrace something as ethically and morally impaired as Major League Baseball.

More accurately, Bonds is a disgrace to the human race.

He has been, as ESPN's Pete Wojciechowski notes, for years: "He was insufferable in high school, insufferable at Arizona State, and insufferable now."

If ever the title "major league jerk" fit anyone, it's this puffed-up lout, whom the ESPN scribe calls "a human Walgreens." But he looks great hitting on TV, and that's what really matters, right?

Bonds' jerkiness hasn't stopped many Bay Area sports-writers and sportscasters from lionizing him for years. Many of these "reporters" have only recently — and reluctantly — jumped off Barry's bandwagon. This selective coverage gives new meaning to the term "homer."

One of The Un-Natural's staunchest defenders has been former Warriors star and KNBR talk host Rick Barry, one of the many "legal scholars" we often find on talk radio today. But let's not single out Rick; he's only one of Bonds' many enablers.

One guy whose work I do generally like, KNBR colleague KRON anchor Gary Radnich, has conceded Bonds is a jerk. Still, he adds, "but I'll watch him when he has a bat in his hands."

I won't, and I don't. It's like watching some bizarre outsized Hulk created in a lab. That I can see on the Sci-Fi Channel.

One of the few candid people during this disgraceful period in local sports reporting is an unlikely one, KGO Radio's Rich Walcott. I doubt Walcott would have said this if KGO carried Giants' broadcasts, but three years ago, Walcott said on KGO: "At an age when most athletes lose muscle mass, Bonds has been gaining it. That's pretty suspicious."

Yea, maybe just a little. But the Bay Area sports press largely turned a blind eye. And, as the two San Francisco Chronicle reporters who wrote "Game of Shadows" point out, the Giants didn't want to know either, and did nothing when Bonds went mesomorphic. Owner Peter Magowan had a new stadium to fill. Commissioner Bud Selig didn't want to know. Homers sold tickets. Ka-ching.

(Magowan is no friend of Oakland's, pulling Safeway's corporate headquarters out of the city and also keeping the Giants in San Francisco.)

Why has most of the local sports press largely chosen to ignore the obvious about Bonds? Perhaps it hasn't occurred to these media fans that some kids see Bonds as a role model.

Instead, we got huge Page One photos of the heroic Barry hitting Nos. 70, 71 ...

Now that's a disgrace, as was little Barry's Pity Party for the press last spring. Still, much of the sports press continues to defer to this jerk.

I was a sportswriter and sports editor for years. I covered major league baseball — and all pro sports. Whenever sports fans ask me who the biggest jerks in pro sports are, I immediately answer: baseball players.

I still remember the android-like, heavily drug-enhanced East German athletes I saw up close at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Many of them are now dead or terminally ill.

The non-coverage of Bonds reminds me of the title of Neil Postman's classic book about modern American culture: "Amusing Ourselves to Death."

It would seem that today, just about any behavior off the field by an athlete is acceptable to many fans and media so long as they're entertaining. Yes, even violence against women.

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A new hoppin' Bar Kitty's on the block

AH, EMERYVILLE. City of schizophrenic streets, mass-produced furniture, techies and live-work spaces. A place with too many hotels, period. Who actually stays in them, anyway? (Hey kids, pack up the car. We're going to Emeryville!)

NIGHT WRITER

Jessica Yadegaran

None of this screams nightlife. But, since January, E-town's gotten quite a bit cooler. And you can thank local vinyl-scratching, femme-feline-turned-bar-owner Kitty English, aka DJ Kitty. The Oakland turntable queen has opened an arty lounge at the Berkeley end of Hollis Street, and homegirl got it right.

Bar Kitty's draws the type of folk who want to make a statement about crossing the bridge and succumbing to BART's dimwitted midnight curfew. They are literally on the edge, and Kitty's dark warehouse digs suit them just fine.

If anyone would know how to spruce up an industrial space, it's the Kistler, who's been filling dance floors at the Ruby Room, Blakes and Luka's with her classic funk and soul sessions for a dozen years. Her Wednesday afternoon show on KALX-FM 90.7 draws them in, too, so it's no wonder Bar Kitty's MySpace account — yes, the bar has its own page — boasts 547 friends, including the Ivy Room and the Oakland band Rogue Wave. Clearly, Kitty's loved.

And that feeling permeates her joint. When you walk in, there's an artist's lo-fi-Mission-District vibe. Aluminum window covers are rolled up to reveal the patio, which might keep Bay Bridge travelers on this side when spring calls us to the Zeitgeist. A fabulous chandelier in need of repair dangles from a staircase. Black leather sofas dot the perimeter of the space, leaning against brick walls.

A mirrored, multiself bar has all the fancy-pants feel of a Marina club, but you certainly won't see any Marina-types here. More like pre-metro Buddy Holly boys and short-haired artsy girls. In other words, if you want to meet



BAR KITTY'S attracts smart thirtysomethings. Below, bartender Mireille Hall pours a rum-laced libation.

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- **WHERE:** 6702 Hollis St., Emeryville.
- **HOURS:** 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily.
- **CONTACT:** www.barkittys.com.
- **PARKING:** Plenty, it's warehouse-ville.
- **COVER CHARGE:** Nope.
- **ATMOSPHERE:** Loft meets antiques by the Bay decor.
- **CROWD:** Arty hipsters, techies, after-five stragglers.
- **NASTOIDS:** Nada.
- **BARBIES:** Zilch.
- **GIN & TONIC RATING:** 5
- **MOJITOS?** Oh yes, ginger mojito.

smart thirtysomethings, go here. LeapFrog and Pixar are not far away, and have made the spot a favorite for happy hour. In terms of scene, this place is a breath, man. A breath.

But who cares, right? We go to bars to get liquored up, and



you'll do plenty of that here. Kitty's come up with some delicious doozies. My favorite was the Peaches & Herb, muddled basil and lemon juice with ginger ale and peach vodka. Made my taste buds forget the feel of mojitos. Her libations also pay homage to Ginger Baker, the drummer of Cream, and to San

Francisco pop band Persephone's Bees. Well done.

In terms of service, there was a weird moment sitting in our booth when we wondered if someone would come drop off our drinks, but they don't. And after 10 p.m., when the deejays get spinning, it can be quite loud, so you'd best wait at the

bar for your drinks. I'd hate to date a friend to bar. Yes, food. Bar Kitty's made tapas by Calico Catering, stuff like quiche and open sandwiches. Very smart, craving a little something, albeit very refiguring.

That leaves us with and boy, does it go. From Sunday's side and hip-hop with the weekend's booty. Kitty's own legends: magic on Wednesday, truly a night to indulging senses and waiting-out numbers.

Night Writer Jessica Yadegaran, aka the Bay Area's most honest hangouts in the Bay, comments or suggests Jessica, c/o the Times, 8099, Walnut Creek, 8099, or e-mail jyadegaran@earthlink.net.

Past, present meet in museum collection

GERTRUDE STEIN once said it was uniquely American to conceive "spaces filled with moving," and now the UC Berkeley Art Museum is using her ideas, among others, to explore nearly a century of American art.

The wonder of the exhibit is that almost everything on display, from a 1920 experimental film to a Jackson Pollock "action painting" to the latest digital experiment, is from the museum's own collection.

Thirty works of art, including paintings, sculpture and video, are now on display in "Measure of Time," curated by Lucinda Barnes. Other works will rotate into the exhibit during its 18-month run, offering an enticing glimpse of what the museum can offer when it moves to a larger building in five or six years.

One of Barnes' goals when she arrived at the museum five years ago was to find "lively, interesting relevant ways to show the collection." Not every work in "Measure of Time" strictly explores the concept of time, but there is remarkable resonance among them.

One work in the exhibit, Ken Goldberg's "Ouija 2000," is so contemporary that it can only be shown on the museum's Web site. By the time the exhibit closes in June 2007, who knows what new methods artists will be exploring — they're already making experimental films for cell phones.

In the fall, the museum's Pacific Film Archive will add to the mix with a series titled "The Mechanical Age."

As Barnes has cleverly and thoughtfully arranged the exhibit in the museum's upper galleries, it's possible for visitors to discover artists' ideas bouncing back and forth among generations and media.

At one point, the arches of



ROBERT TAYLOR
In the Galleries

GALLERIES

■ **UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM:** "Measure of Time," through June 24, 2007; 2826 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays, \$5-\$8 (free on the first Thursday of each month), 510-642-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

Lecture and discussion: Albert Pisano, chair of UC Berkeley's Department of Mechanical Engineering, and Ken Goldberg, an artist and professor of robotics, discuss technologies of time measurement and how artists have responded, 3 p.m. April 23, Museum Theater. Free with admission.

Joseph Stella's 1936 painting of the Brooklyn Bridge, borrowed from the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, are mirrored by an image in "Manhatta," an experimental film from 1920. Stella's "Bridge" conveys his idea of a shrine to "the new civilization of America," and remains as hypnotic as ever.

Some of the earliest works in the exhibit seem the freshest. It's hard to believe that Stella's "Battle of Lights, Coney Island," borrowed from the gallery at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, dates from 1915-1918. Stella was influenced by Italian futurist artists who attempted to convey mo-



JOSEPH STELLA'S "Battle of Lights, Coney Island" dates from 1915-1918, and is among the earliest works in the exhibit "Measure of Time."

tion on a two-dimensional surface. "Battle of Light" swirls, swoops and explodes with color. It was inspired by a bus ride Stella took through Coney Island one evening during Mardi Gras.

We may think of experimental filmmaking as a recent invention, but the movie camera

itself was still a novelty when Charles Sheeler and Paul Strand teamed up in 1920 to photograph Manhattan. (They used a French-made Debrie, a combination 35mm still and movie camera.)

Their film intercuts energetic images with excerpts from the poem "Manhatta," Walt Whit-

man's celebration of the world. "What a less avant-garde idea," says Sheeler and Strand, stretching from still photography to pictures that play with time and space — the revolutions in the art.

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Section D

The 2007 Toyota Yaris is a winner even before it starts

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Whether of a car named Yaris? You know this Toyota makes its debut on the subcompact market this spring.

Yaris has been selling in Europe since 1999 and it didn't take it long to win the title European Car of the Year. It also has been named Japan's Car of the Year. It will replace the Toyota Echo as the subcompact passenger-car

most immediately attracted to it when it first foot on the accelerator. The reason is its 1.5-liter four-cylinder engine, which produces 106 horsepower, but has more pick-up than most stronger engines. Not only that, Yaris 1.5 has an estimated 34 city and 39 highway. The Echo was priced at \$14,050 for a four-door sedan model with an automatic transmission. However, the liftback with a manual transmission weighs 3,360. Either car has a youthful appearance and will probably attract a lot of attention when they hit the road.

Yaris is slightly different than its European counterpart in that the U.S. platform is longer and wider. Toyota says the Yaris will be used on a variety of vehicles. The platform is made of high-strength steel to help in driving responsive steering. It also helps with noise, vibration and harshness.

I'm quite impressed with the quality of the car and the way it handled. The Yaris is easy to maneuver both on the road and in a crowded parking lot. It requires 33 feet to make a curb turn, about 10-foot less than most other sedans.

Yaris has a long-stretched design that seems to push out to the corner. It's easy to enter, but it's not much in the way of power windows. The driver's seat is adjusted electronically, and it even has a tilt steering wheel. Once set, I was good for the rest of the drive.

Yaris had power windows and a remote lock. The trunk is a key. The trunk is a key, but it does have a 60/40-



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THE TOYOTA YARIS has a youthful appearance and will probably attract a lot of attention when they hit the road. The 60/40-split fold rear seat, inset, allows for extra large cargo.

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split fold rear seat to allow for extra large cargo. In the upright position, the fold-down center arm holder contains a cup holder.

Considering the size of this subcompact, the interior is surprisingly roomy. The center console has built-in storage and the cup holder is on each side of the dash panel. The instrumentation is located high in the center on the panel and easy to view while watching the road.

The automatic transmission has a gated shift lever. It is equipped with up-hill/downhill shift logic to reduce the frequency of gear shifting during winding hill travel.

The windshield wiper does not con-

TOYOTA YARIS

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, front-wheel drive subcompact sedan
Suggested Retail	\$14,050
Engine Type	Four-cylinder 16-valve DOHC w/VVT-1
Horsepower	106 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque	103 @ 4,200 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed ECT automatic
Wheelbase	100 inches
Height	57 inches
Curb Weight	2,326 pounds
Fuel Capacity	11 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 34/39

tain the usual variety of functions and the vanity mirrors do not have illumination. But the ride is very pleasant and this is partially due to a newly developed suspension that includes a rigid L-arm

MacPherson strut and rear torsion beam. I'm told the Yaris has anti-roll stabilization, eliminating the need for a separate anti-roll bar. This combination made me feel very secure and comfortable re-

gardless of the type of road I was driving. Another area of concern is safety, and the Toyota people told me how they have reinforced the cabin using front and rear crumple zones and energy-absorbing materials on the roof and doors, plus front seat-mounted airbags with first- and second-row side curtain airbags.

Now that this car has replaced the Toyota Echo, Yaris will definitely be the name you'll be hearing again and again.

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1966 Mercedes-Benz 250S cost a bundle to repair

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Whenever C.C. Salonga returned from a naval tour of duty at sea, he tried to be accommodating to his wife, Cres, for putting up with long stretches of loneliness.

That philosophy led to the purchase of a 17-year-old Mercedes-Benz 250S in 1983. "It wasn't very pretty," Salonga remembers. While he was at sea she had seen the very used Mercedes-Benz advertised for sale and had her heart set on owning one of the luxury cars.

The white sedan she wanted was a European model with the speedometer measurements in kilometers and had been purchased new by a German in 1966. A Hillsborough, Calif., man purchased the car in 1978 and brought it to the United States. It was sold to the third owner, a San Francisco man, in 1982 who kept it only one year.

Salonga purchased the car May 6, 1983 and trouble began immediately. Because of engine problems and difficulty in shifting gears the 3,175-pound car was towed to his Martinez, Calif., home.

During the next year the original six-cylinder, 146-horsepower engine was overhauled. "Parts were hard to find," Salonga says. "Some parts were removed from junk yards in Oakland and some parts were bought from Mercedes dealers."

The car was out of commission for about nine months. Still more problems ensued. Gasoline was leaking and so was oil and inspections showed excessive tailpipe emission. "Then the rear wheels

started dragging," Salonga recalls. A lesser man might have thrown in the towel, but not Salonga.

"Yearly," he says, "we failed to pass the smog tests locally." Most embarrassing was when the engine would just die at most intersections, Salonga says. "I was only driving the car once or twice a week because of engine problems."

His wife remained enamored of the car so Salonga in 1985 decided to bite the bullet and take the car to a Mercedes-Benz dealership repair shop in Walnut Creek to have everything checked out.

"The first appointment took more than a week," Salonga says. Parts were ordered from Germany and New Jersey and the car began a transformation into a reliable automobile.

"My next step was a complete reupholstery job in Martinez," Salonga says. Brown leather upholstery was installed. By now 1986 had rolled around. The next stop was at a body shop. Since the car had never been wrecked and was virtually rust-free, it stayed in the shop about two weeks to have the white paint renewed with several identical coats.

The car ran like a new one for about a year. Salonga took the car back to the Mercedes-Benz dealer because of more engine stalling problems.

They installed four new seat belts, passed the smog test, put a new motor in to operate the sunroof, checked



C.C. SALONGA PURCHASED the 1966 Mercedes-Benz 250S on May 6, 1983, and trouble began immediately.

the electrical system, idle speed, ignition timing, choke mechanisms, carburetor overhaul, wheel alignment, new alternator, new brake hose, new rear suspension, replaced all engine belts, new muffler, repaired accelerator pump, and steering system, replaced the clutch, repaired gas leaks, and gave the car a major tune-up. All the fluids have been replaced.

"The heater and defroster are

working just fine," Salonga says. "The AM/FM radio is working good and everything else was checked and rechecked." After three weeks he got the car back like new.

"The next thing I did was install four new 185/75x14-inch white sidewall tires," Salonga says. They were necessary now that the car was finally roadworthy. The rubber strips on the bumpers are all original as is

the wood trim on the dashboard.

All of the restoration work was completed before Salonga retired from the Navy after 30 years. "The car is now almost 40 years old," Salonga says. Since he bought the car he has spent on repairs about eight or 10 times what he paid for the Mercedes-Benz.

"It can go 70 and stay with traffic," he says proudly. "Everything is

working just fine. We got it from Germany." But most of all, his wife is happy with her Mercedes-Benz 250S.

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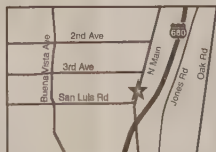
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Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cruiser wagon. The rear window defroster does not work. I started checking and found one of the rear wire connectors was broken and repaired the connector to the back glass. The window still does not defrost and the switch on the dash does not turn off until I shut the key off. I thought the problem was the switch, so I replaced it. I still have the same problem. — Ken

Dear Ken: The first step is to check the voltage at the wires attached to the back glass. If there are 12 volts and ground at the connectors, then check the power and ground at the glass itself. I find a lot of car owners and mechanics try to reattach the metal tabs to the glass, but cannot use regular adhesive to attach the metal tabs. It requires a special adhesive with metal properties to make a connection. Regular ad-

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hesive actually insulates the tab and does not allow the voltage to pass. 3M makes all kinds of adhesives. You may also want to contact your local glass company for their opinion.

Dear Doctor: What are your thoughts on Carfax and how does it work? What does it cover? Is it worth the money? — Vinny

Dear Vinny: I recommend Carfax to all my customers who are looking to buy a used vehicle from me or anyone else. Carfax relies on information gathered from many groups and insurance companies. The services are well worth the money and can be very informative to the prospective buyer. The more problems or accidents for the vehicle, the longer the list.

Dear Doctor: I'm the original owner of a 1994 Chevy Suburban

with 106,000 miles. Recently when I start from a stop, I feel a bump when the transmission shifts. I can eliminate the bump taking off very slowly and lift my foot off the gas pedal slightly. I spoke to a friend who said it could be a universal joint. What are your thoughts? — Rob

Dear Rob: Without driving the vehicle, it sounds like it could be a simple transmission pressure cable adjustment. If applicable, at the throttle body. You mentioned that if you lift your foot off the gas pedal slightly, the bump is gone. Too much throttle pressure will cause a bad shift and extended shift as well. A worn universal joint will cause clunking and vibration, especially when lifting your foot off the gas pedal. You may want to speak with a local transmission shop. With the high mileage on your truck, a transmission service should also be considered.

Dear Doctor: I'm looking to buy a 2006 car this year. I am interested in your thoughts on

Honda, Pontiac and Dodge. A smooth ride is important to me. Everyone tells me the Honda is a good car. — Ryan

Dear Ryan: There are many good cars available today. The smooth ride you desire will be determined by driving all the cars that interest you. Both Honda and Toyota have good reputations. Other cars to consider will be determined by your personal preference. I drive a different car each week, as do a lot of automotive journalists. One of the things I look for is how my back feels after a one-hour ride home after working 11 hours on my feet. A long test drive is very important when making a decision to buy a vehicle.

Dear Doctor: I inherited a 1995 Ford Aspire with 8,215 actual miles. Occasionally, I cannot get the transmission to shift out of park. I have to keep tapping the brake pedal and pushing the shift button to move the shift out of park. What could be the problem? — Mike


Dear Mike: Automatic transmission vehicles have an electronic safety switch interlock that locks the shifter in park until the brake pedal is depressed. The brake switch energizes the safety interlock switch at the shifter floor or column mount. A faulty or missed adjusted switch will cause the shifter to not unlock. This may also cause intermittent brake light operation. Seldom is the problem the actual interlock switch at the shifter.

Dear Doctor: My father recently passed away and left us a 1983 Buick Regal with only 70,000 miles. The only problem is that it leaks oil, especially from the passenger side of the engine. Both valve covers have been replaced. Before I attempt to remove the exhaust manifold to look for the leak, what can you suggest? — Rich

Dear Rich: First, steam clean the engine, especially the area of concern. The next step is to add dye to the engine oil. Drive the car a short distance of 15 minutes or so, then use the black light to locate the leak. I have seen many valve covers leak, even after the gaskets are replaced, from over-

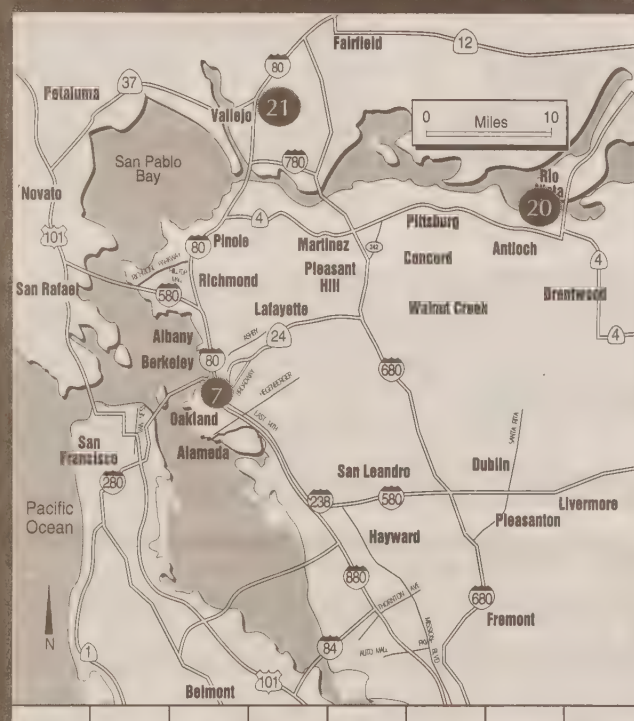
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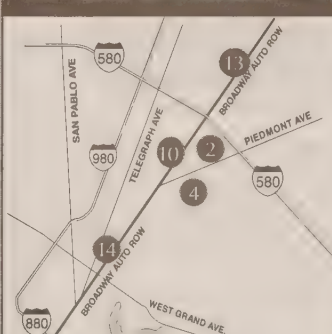


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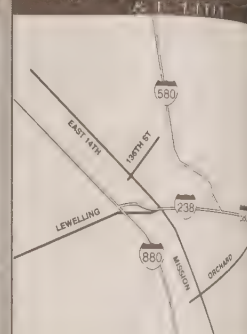
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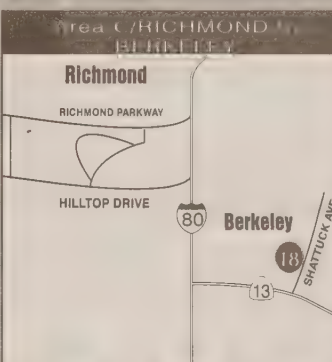
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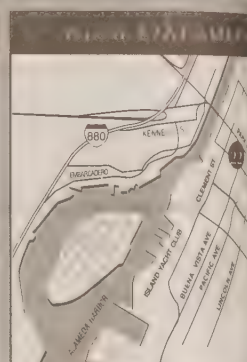
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Ford improves iconic Explorer with better mileage, more power

BY MARK PHELAN
DETROIT FREE PRESS

Don't let its conservative looks fool you: The 2006 Ford Explorer has a major improvement in nearly every way over what was already a very good vehicle.

The Explorer created the SUV segment, and it's been the best-selling SUV in the world for 15 years. It's become an icon, with millions of satisfied owners.

Ford has plenty of reasons to have it called the formula for a new SUV with the old Explorer. The new model is almost exactly the same size and looks very much like its predecessor.

The only obvious visual change is a shiny new chrome grille and bright headlights.

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First, economy is up, emissions down and the interior is vastly improved. It's always tricky replacing an old car, and Ford concentrated on improving the previous Explorer's weaknesses with the all-new 2006 model.

Explorer prices start at \$26,530 for the XLS V6 rear-drive model. V8 models begin with the XLT at \$34,500, and the least expensive four-wheel-drive Explorer is a V6-based XLT stickered at \$44,000. All prices exclude destination charges.

The new V8 engine, mated to a smooth six-speed automatic transmission, produces 53 more horsepower but 10 percent better economy than the previous model. The base V6 engine's emissions are down an amazing 10 percent from the 2005 model

and are certified to the same federal standard as Ford's gasoline-electric Escape hybrid SUV.

At the encouragement of a fellow North American Truck of the Year juror, I drove a V8 Explorer and the gasoline-electric hybrid back to back over the same route.

The Explorer came within 1.5 miles per gallon of the heralded hybrid, cost less and could tow more than twice as much as the hybrid.

Ford recently unveiled a new corporate slogan called American Innovation.

I'm not quite sure what that means, but any company that can give me more power, lower fuel consumption and fewer emissions qualifies as a major innovator in my book.

In addition, the Explorer features a wide array of safety features, including many that no other midsize SUV offers.

Standard safety features include antilock brakes, rollover-preventing stability control and front-seat side air bags. The front doors also feature a hefty four-inch foam block to protect occupants in a side impact.

On the road, the Explorer is smooth, comfortable and eerily quiet.

Ford's data show there's considerably less road and wind noise in the Explorer's front seat than in competitors like the Chevrolet Trail-Blazer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Toyota 4Runner and Nissan Pathfinder.

In fact, there's less noise in the third seat of an Explorer than in the front seat of a 4Runner, according to Ford's tests.

In addition, the interior looks and feels as luxurious as it sounds. The carefully selected ma-



THE NEW EXPLORER'S fuel economy is up, emissions are down and the interior is vastly better.

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terials and sophisticated design build upon the strides Ford made developing its F-150 pickup.

Like the F-150, the Explorer maintains its workhorse ability while rais-

ing the standard for comfort. The Explorer can tow up to 7,300 pounds, and its second and third rows of seats fold within two degrees of flat to accommodate cargo.

The Explorer is the only midsize SUV with an optional power-folding third seat.

While I wish Ford had taken a few more chances with the looks

of the new Explorer, its engineers blew the doors off the competition with substantive improvements that make the Explorer the best midsize SUV on the road.

Francier wrappers for next-wave hybrids

BY TIM MORAN
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DETROIT — Fans of the gasoline engine may feel a slight chill as they walk through the exhibits at the North American International Auto Show, which opened to the public Saturday after a week of media and industry previews.

While an ice age for internal combustion engines does not seem imminent, it is clear from the number of next-power vehicles on display that automakers are reserving warmest feelings for powertrains with electric motors with peppy burning engines.

The country's best-selling car, Toyota Camry, will add a hybrid model for the redesigned 2007 model that goes on sale this spring. Significant, the next Lexus sedan, the LS460, will also join the hybrid fleet, providing a philo-

sophical bookend to the frugal Prius at the other end of Toyota's line. With these additions, Toyota expects its global sales of hybrids to top 400,000 in 2006.

General Motors showed hybrid versions of its large SUVs that will go on sale next year as 2008 models, and announced a Cadillac Escalade hybrid.

Design studies from various automakers suggest that hybrids will be coming in other shapes, too: Ford rolled out a design study for a sporty diesel-hybrid coupe, the Reflex; Mitsubishi showed the CT, a concept car that may hold engineering promise; and Subaru displayed the B5-TPH, a high-performance two-seater.

Even longtime hybrid doubters like Robert A. Lutz, vice chairman of GM, are admitting that the systems have gone mainstream.

"They're here, and if we've got to have them, at least we have the most economical one," he said.

Perhaps "most economical to purchase" would have been more precise. GM's Saturn division will charge customers a premium of less than \$2,000 for the "mild" hybrid system in the Vue Green Line utility wagon. The system delivers power directly to the gasoline engine using a motor-generator that replaces the conventional alternator, rather than driving through the transmission. GM says the hybrid Vue will be the lowest-priced hybrid SUV on the market when it arrives in showrooms this summer.

The Vue's 42-volt system, using an approach less complex than the high-voltage equipment of other hybrids, shows an emerging diversity in technology — and customer appeal. While early hybrids empha-

sized environmental benefits, recent entries like the Honda Accord hybrid have played up the boost in acceleration provided by an electric motor; the Vue appeal is a low purchase price.

GM also used the Detroit show to highlight the two-mode hybrid it is developing with BMW and DaimlerChrysler. The system, to be used first in the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon, uses electric motors mounted inside the transmission to augment a 300-horsepower V8. The two drive modes, one for slower city driving and the other for highway cruising, are expected to improve mileage by 25 percent, GM says.

The propulsion system in the Mitsubishi CT concept places its electric motors — four in all — out at the wheels, using them both for propulsion and stability control. There are some doubts that such a system is

practical — Mitsubishi has been promoting the design for several years, but no automaker has used it in a production model — but similar criticism was leveled at the earliest hybrids from Honda and Toyota.

Motors at the wheels are used in Honda's second-generation FCX fuel-cell research vehicle: 25-kilowatt wheel-hub motors at each rear wheel supplement an 80-kilowatt motor driving the front wheels.

While hybrid designs vary greatly in layout and technical details, they all rely on batteries to store power for the electric motors. At the Detroit show, it was apparent that behind the clean and green image there is little consensus in battery technology.

Conventional cars carry a heavy lead-acid battery to start the engine and power accessories, but hybrids depend on high-power battery packs using different chemistry, typically nickel-metal hydride batteries that are scaled-up versions of those used in cell phones and power tools. They need careful computer management to charge and discharge correctly and are sensitive to temperatures. They also take a long time to charge.

Subaru engineers who are searching for a better battery — one that is lighter, more powerful and can accept a charge faster — think that lithium ion units, as used in the B5-TPH concept car, are the best option. These batteries, already used in power tools, require about half the space of nickel batteries, weigh about half as much and accept a charge more quickly without damage.

Among the different kinds of lithium ion batteries available, manganese units have recently gained support because they are cheaper to make and less prone to overheat. But battery experts say this formulation typically offers a much shorter life before performance begins to degrade.

Not only is there a battle over battery technology, there is a shoving match among potential suppliers of hybrid-car batteries.

Subaru's parent, Fuji Heavy Industries, working with a battery supplier, NEC Lamillon Energy, claims to have developed a manganese-lithium ion battery that will last more than 10 years and can charge in a little more than five minutes.

Other makers have concentrated on nickel batteries. SAFT, a French company, and Johnson Controls, a large automotive supplier, announced in Detroit a joint venture to produce nickel batteries for hybrids; the battery packs are expected to last more than 15 years.

Last fall, Toyota bought a majority share in Panasonic, the biggest supplier of hybrid batteries. Other automakers expressed concern that Toyota may be cornering the available supplies.

While today's hybrid cars use gasoline engines, there is interest in combining fuel-sipping diesels with electric motors to improve fuel economy. As cleaner diesels emerge, the proposal becomes more attractive.

"A diesel hybrid is, we think, one of the engines of the future," said Mark Fields, executive vice president for the Americas at Ford.

But the cost of diesels adds to the expense of hybrid systems, and diesels also face emissions challenges stemming from tiny particles in the exhaust must be removed by catalysts and filters. One solution may come from DaimlerChrysler, which developed an emissions reduction system called Bluetec that the company says will be introduced in the United States in the Mercedes-Benz E320 sedan. The system is also used in the GL320, a large SUV unveiled here.

Bluetec minimizes nitrogen oxide pollutants using either a special catalytic converter with a storage provision or a system that squirts a tiny bit of liquid urea, stored in an onboard tank, into the exhaust. The urea reacts chemically to decrease nitrogen oxides by up to 80 percent. The urea process has yet to be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency; the E320 will be sold initially with the storage catalyst technology.

The extra cost and bulk of powerful electric motors and battery packs, initially viewed as impossible hurdles for the industry, has begun to seem less of an obstacle as production increases and automakers gain more production experience.

It's not that hybrids are going to sweep the automotive world immediately — but, as the Detroit show made clear, hybrid systems have muscled their way into acceptance. Electricity in the drivetrain seems to be a concept that is here to stay.



TOM PIDGEON/GENERAL MOTORS/KRT

THE GREEN LINE utility wagon offers a "mild" hybrid system which delivers power directly to the gasoline engine using a motor-generator that replaces the conventional alternator, rather than driving through the transmission.

Use duct tape to pinpoint source of wind noise

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
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Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Toyota Camry. I first noticed a high-pitched noise that seems to be coming from the dash area driving on the highway in April. The noise happens at speeds 75 to 80 mph. If I slow down to 60 mph, the sound disappears. I asked the dealer to look at the condition and they said they'd take a technician out to my house to take a look. They did not find anything. I did install some weatherstripping on the door seals. I heard of such occasional problems. — Donna

Dear Donna: Wind noise at highway speeds is a common complaint on many vehicles. Wind can come from many areas, including side mirrors, side air deflators, the windshield, wind-rain moldings, even the front

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grille. To try and pinpoint wind noise, the noise needs to be consistent, not just occasional. Start by using a gray duct tape between the various areas to test for wind sound elimination. Remove the duct tape right away so it does not leave any residue on the surface.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Mercury Grand Marquis. At 59,000 miles, the red light indicating overheating came on so I had the thermostat replaced. Now I have to add coolant to the system. Current mileage is now at 65,000 miles. The shop mechanic does not seem concerned. I never had to add coolant before the thermostat replacement. What do you think? — Paul

Dear Paul: Have another shop

look at the vehicle, inspecting for any signs of coolant leakage. Leaking plastic intake manifolds are very common problems on these engines. Whenever adding coolant, make sure you mix the new coolant to a 50/50 mixture.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Plymouth Sundance that was in great condition. But now the right side blinker stopped working and the left side stays on dim when I try the left directional. I replaced the bulbs, but they still do not work. — Henry

Dear Henry: There could be both a weak directional flasher, as well as a poor ground circuit in the rear tail light socket. Before all the old Chrysler front drive cars rotted away, we used to replace many rear tail light sockets and add or repair the ground connection. Very seldom was the front blinker or parking light socket the problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001

Chrysler Sebring convertible. Inadvertently, I pulled out fuse No. 5 for the radio. I put the fuse back in and now the radio does not work. The radio equalizer lights blink, the CD player will load and unload the disc. What do you suggest? — Robert

Dear Robert: Check if your radio is an anti-theft type that requires a code to work anytime battery power is cut. A quick look in the owner's manual or trip to the dealer or any local auto radio shop should help.

Dear Doctor: We own a 2001 Ford Taurus with 40,000 miles. For the last several months, each time we fill the fuel tank the engine seems to buck for a few miles, then straightens out. If I only go to half full, the problem does not occur. I had the fuel pump replaced six months ago. We are only surmising that it has something to do with filling the gas tank to a full level. — Marty

Dear Marty: Fill the tank and take

the car to a repair shop while the engine is acting up. At this point the technician can hook up a scan tool and fuel pressure tester. Then by looking at Alldata information on the scan tool, he can check fuel pressure. There could be a problem with the evap system that is connected from the fuel tank vent system to the engine intake system. The purpose of the system is to remove gas vapors from the fuel tank and burn them in the engine. There could be a problem in the rear charcoal canister or switching valves. A faulty evap system does not always set the check engine light.

Dear Doctor: We own two Ford vehicles; one is a motorhome. Both require 5W/20 engine oil. Can we just change over to either 5W/30 or 10W/30 oil? Why do they say 5W/20? — Ralph

Dear Ralph: Car manufacturers are designing engines to use the thinner, lighter oil because it produces better gas mileage and has longer change intervals. You're not alone with the 5W/20 oil specifica-

tion. In very cold climates the viscosity rating is now 0W/20. Changing the recommended oil viscosity could void the warranty if there was an internal engine failure. The old theory that heavy oil is better is not true. Today's engine oils flow easier and offer more protection than ever before.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 GMC Suburban 4x4 with 132,000 miles and a 2002 GMC with the Duramax diesel with 373 axle gears and 106,000 miles. I feel the fuel mileage on both vehicles is poor. I'm thinking of changing both over to synthetic oil for better mileage. — Allen

Dear Allen: Full synthetic oil will usually improve about one mile per gallon. The extra cost in synthetic washes out with the extra gas mileage and longer interval changes. Other ideas for increasing mileage are low restriction exhaust and a cold fresh intake air system.

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Crossovers expected to be this year's big seller

BY MICHELLE KREBS
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A relatively new term in automotive lingo that's been around for only a couple years will become more commonplace in 2006 as "crossovers" — also known as crossover utility vehicles — proliferate in total sales volume and in models offered.

CUVs are car-based vehicles that feature styling cues of the truck-based sport utility vehicle segment. Crossovers are expected to be hot sellers in the coming years.

"Like any industry, the automotive market is subject to trends based on consumer demographics and tastes. Starbucks transformed

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our cup of Joe. Apple's iPod altered how we listen to music," said George Pipas, Ford sales analyst. In a speech to Detroit's Automotive Press Association, "And new, fuel-efficient CUVs are the next major evolution in what we drive."

As Pipas pointed out, the term "crossover utility vehicle" didn't even exist in 2000, when a smattering of small car-based utilities totaled just over 500,000 sales. In 2005, CUV sales hit about 2.2 million. "That's faster than the explosive growth of SUVs during their heydays of the

1990s," Pipas noted.

It's not just high gas prices, but market demographics that are causing this, Pipas said. He said the estimated 65 million to 70 million consumers in the baby boom generation are driving the growth.

"High gas prices this summer definitely influenced the rise in CUV popularity," said Pipas. "But fuel costs are not the cause, only the accelerator. As gas prices fluctuate up and down, they will only speed up or slow down the rate at which crossovers increase while traditional SUV sales move to a smaller percentage of the market."

Pipas said that in the 1980s, these baby boomers flocked to mini-



THE 2007 LINCOLN MKX CUV features a distinctive liftgate lighting panel that uses an array of light-emitting diodes to illuminate the full width of the liftgate.



THE 2007 FORD EDGE crossover utility vehicle is introduced at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich. on Jan. 8.

Lights are all green for auto mechanics

BY BILL SANDERSON
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

DALLAS — Steve Loudon, owner of 29-year-old Loudon Motorcar Services in Dallas, sees a common thread among the mechanics and technicians he's trained:

"They have a mechanical aptitude and a knack for how things work." Also, he says, the good ones share a natural curiosity. They want to learn.

"Growing up," Loudon says, "these people took apart their alarm clocks, bikes and later their dad's cars."

Loudon, who holds a business degree from Florida State University, is a master certified technician who functions on the job more as a "coach than a doer." His shop, with its four techs (nine employees total), specializes in Mercedes, BMW, Porsche and Volvo models.

The main ingredient for success, he says, is street smarts and a no-fear attitude toward customers. That and protecting your reputation.

In the latter regard, he worries that the industry's image suffers because only a few states require

licensing.

"You can't cut hair or do a manicure without being tested, but you can buy a few hundred dollars' worth of tools and put computer-controlled brakes on a car and send these cars back out on the road driving 60 miles per hour," he says. "Nobody ever died from a bad haircut."

But the industry does have a certification process, and it portends a rosy future for auto technicians, says Tony Molla, vice president of communications for the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, the automotive repair industry's certification agency.

"An ASE-certified automotive technician offers the opportunity for good earnings and secure job growth. You can't offshore an oil change," Molla says. "And the job is portable; technicians are needed in all parts of the country. Most careers can't match that."

The best path to finding work, Molla says, is via an ASE-certified automotive technology program offered through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (www.natef.org). Graduates

of these programs in secondary and postsecondary institutions are in the highest demand, he says.

Indeed, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that ASE certification has become a standard credential for automotive service technicians.

Certification is available in eight service areas, such as electrical systems, engine repair, brake systems, suspension and steering, and heating and air conditioning.

For certification in each area, technicians must have at least two years' experience and pass a written exam. Completion of an automotive training program in high school, vocational or trade school, or a community college may substitute for one year of experience. In some cases, graduates of ASE-certified programs achieve certification in up to three specialties.

The ASE predicts that the need for automotive technicians will grow. Registered vehicles in the United States now outnumber licensed drivers.

Likewise, the service and repair industry has evolved into a \$270 billion market, and that represents

only the aftermarket (noncar dealer) service industry. It does not include new and used car sales or collision repairs.

Several avenues exist to enter the auto repair industry. NATEF's Trish Serratore suggests investigating the auto tech classes at a community college. For-profit schools such as Lincoln Tech and Universal Technical Institute might be more expensive. "You should look at everything," she says.

Gaining experience working in a shop can be a challenge for someone new to the industry. Serratore says, but there are different approaches.

"There is job shadowing, where you are not paid but watch; internships where you work and are not paid; and co-ops, where you do the work and receive a little payment. Most auto technology programs have something like that," she says. "Sometimes, community college classes affiliated with manufacturer dealers and generic programs might send their students to a franchise or an independent repair shop."

Curt Jenkins, director for the automotive technology program at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, adds that such real-world shop experience while in school magnifies

the learning for those seeking their associate's degree of applied science in automotive technology.

"If they're applying the knowledge, the teaching sticks a bit better," he says.

Cost for a community college's tuition and books can hit \$4,500 for a two-year degree. Add \$2,500 for a starter set of tools.

"We work hard to place students," Jenkins says. "Most go to work before they get their degree. The degree makes the student more attractive to the prospective employer. It says that the student can take a long-term project and finish, and that speaks to character."

Also, a degree places the student in the network of employers who call the college looking for prospects.

There are many options for a newcomer to the industry, says Angie Wilson, vice president of communications at the Automotive Service Association (www.asashop.org). The ASA represents 12,000 independent service and repair businesses.

"If the person likes variety, one of the 81,533 independent general repair shops might be preferable," she says. If not, one of the country's 22,000 dealerships could be the right fit.

the Aviator). Hyundai introduced a second-generation of its crossover, the Santa Fe, in production later this year. The Kia tries out its idea for a crossover with the Soul concept.

Pipas said the new Lincoln Edge, arriving in showrooms this winter, exemplifies the appeal of offer to both baby boomers and young families.

"For style, the Edge offers a sleek profile, 18-inch wheels, a four-bar grille," he said. "The functionality, the Edge offers more than five, up to 63 cubic feet of storage, integrated storage for sports equipment, and six cubbies to accommodate all the cockpit nonfat lattes." Nevertheless, warns, we shouldn't write off traditional SUVs just yet.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that the median wage of automotive service technicians and mechanics, including the mission, was \$14.71 in 2005.

The middle 50 percent between \$10.61 and \$14.71 lowest 10 percent less than \$10.61 and the highest 10 percent more than \$14.71.

Median hourly earnings for mechanics and automotive technicians employed by government, \$18.04; by dealers, \$17.66; by automotive repair, \$17.66; by automotive repair, \$17.66; by automotive repair, \$17.66.

Most entry-level mechanics earn between \$22,000 and \$25,000 per year, says the ASA. Some experienced and ASE-certified technicians can earn up to \$100,000 per year. Mechanics, he says, average \$65,000 per year.

"Given the importance of individual vehicle to our transportation system in the U.S., it is bright," Molla says.

And he reminds that the technology advances in the industry must be continuously updated. "Auto technicians need stop training."

Hybrids, hydrogen and hype

BY JAMES G. COBB
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If you always wanted a position in the auto industry, you got your wish in 2005. The three Detroit automakers begged you to accept an employee discount, no resume or urine test required, while laying plans to eliminate tens of thousands of actual jobs.

Ford's troubles deepened, and General Motors neared the financial brink after Delphi, the huge parts maker that was once part of GM, declared bankruptcy.

Gasoline raced past \$3 a gallon for a while, stimulating small-car sales and popping the SUV bubble; Merrill Lynch noted that cars gained market share, at the expense of trucks, for the first time in 25 years.

Volkswagen conceded that its slow-selling Phaeton luxury sedan, priced up to \$100,000, was a mistake. Then it introduced a \$1.2 million car, the Bugatti Veyron 16.4.

Katrina left behind hundreds of thousands of waterlogged vehicles. One may be on a pre-owned lot near you, mold in the carpet and a "cream puff" sign in the window.

DaimlerChrysler's tiny Smart cars were on again, off again. Subarus got a new face that only a mother, or a designer, could love. The horsepower race quickened: 505 for the Corvette Z06, 617 for the Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren, 1,001 for the Veyron.

Technology moved deeper into the car. An infinitesimal warning you if you start to drift out of lane. The Acura RL senses an impending crash and slams on the brakes.

Ignition keys seem likely to join spare tires and keyholes on the endangered list; even midprice cars are getting sensors that detect a key fob and enable a starter button.

There was much more news, of course, in this pivotal year, and a lot of noteworthy new vehicles. Here were some of the best:

Sitting pretty

If you called the Mercedes-Benz

CLS an overpriced E-Class you wouldn't be far off — my CLS500 test car was \$73,889 — but that's nothing compared with the cost of a trophy spouse, and the achingly lovely CLS will keep its shape much longer. Fifty years from now, collectors may be cooing over the fluid, original lines of this "four-door coupe."

Putting smiles back in SUVs

Apart from the trucks pretending to be cars (and cars pretending to be trucks), the Nissan Xterra (\$25,000 and up) is a refreshing throwback: an SUV that just wants to have fun. A favorite of coveted 20-something customers, this rugged, boldly styled utility has a new structure and new power.

Two other SUVs deserve mention. The \$21,000 Kia Sportage, which used to be a quasi-agricultural implement, received a Cinderella makeover. It has been transformed (along with the similar Hyundai Tucson) into one of the best small SUVs.

The Hummer H3 (\$35,225 as tested) defied my low expectations; stylish and polished, it's the best Hummer yet. Fact is, it's one of GM's best utilities overall.

Let's hear it for four doors

The family sedan was the processed cheese spread of the industry, until Chrysler spiced the recipe for its bold 300, then followed that with a tasty Dodge Charger.

One of last year's outstanding efforts was the Ford Fusion (\$17,795 base), a simply handsome car with excellent road manners, thanks partly to the architecture it borrowed from the Mazda 6. Lacking gimmicks or adornment beyond its chrome-bar grille, the Fusion reminds me of the earnest, honest cars that built the Ford Motor Co. Ford can surely use one now.

A step up in class, the spacious Toyota Avalon may be the unofficial staff car for the AARP. Still, the latest version (\$35,169 as tested) is less

Barcalounger, more Le Corbusier, trading upright Wurlitzer styling for iPod sleekness. Here's a Toyota so quiet and cushy it makes Lexus seem redundant.

Among compacts, the several Honda Civics got a space-age makeover. Behind the futuristic lines and Star Wars dashboard, the sedan (\$16,000 and up) is conservative, practical and impeccably done.

The Alabama-built Hyundai Sonata (\$22,895 as tested) breaks no ground, but has matured into a well-rounded sedan with more standard safety features than some luxury cars.

The sporting life

Any year is noteworthy if it brings a new BMW 3 Series, still the definitive sport sedan. The question was how BMW could improve on perfection, but at least on paper it succeeded. To avoid some of the distractions BMW puts between you and the road, order your 330i (\$47,390 as tested) without iDrive or active steering.

Big-ticket sport sedans have become so plush, fast and laden with techno-gimmicks that I find them rather uninteresting — and with \$60,000-plus prices no longer unusual, rather pricey. The best of the breed may be the new Infiniti M45 (\$56,060 as tested), an engaging car with ferocious power and street presence.

The Chevrolet Cobalt SS Supercharged (\$24,135) scores high in grins per dollar. Here is proof that GM's engineers, given free rein, can work miracles even on an unexceptional small-car platform.

More fun with beds

The compact truck market is not just ailing, it's virtually dead. Filling the gap is a wave of more capable midsize trucks, especially from Japan. The Toyota Tacoma is one example, though a smart redesign has transformed the Nissan Frontier from the class laggard into the class leader.

But the big news in trucks was the Honda Ridgeline, which is nothing short of a reinvention of the pickup. A truck that drives and feels

like a good car, the Ridgeline (\$28,000) comes with brilliant features like a two-way tailgate and a waterproof trunk under the cargo bed.

Medicine that tastes good

Give Europeans their due: They love modern fuel-sipping diesels, space-efficient hatchbacks and the new breed of mini-minivans called space wagons. All three concepts deserve wider acceptance here.

If the compact Audi A3 hatchback fails to connect with Americans, it won't be for lack of entertainment value. The A3 2.0T (\$29,110 as tested) is a terrific high-style big-city companion, darting through traffic, claiming impossible parking spaces, hauling furniture across town.

You'll find the same space, scaled down in size and price, on the new Kia Rio 5 — one of the year's nicest surprises. Sharing little with the tiny last-generation car, the new Rio 5 (\$14,510 as tested) is smart and stylish. With a crisp five-speed manual, it is more fun than a low-budget hatchback has a right to be.

The Eurostyle minivan arrived in the Mazda 5 (\$20,410), a sensibly sized six-seater that's a hoot to drive and, with a fuel-sipping four-cylinder engine, no pain at the gas pump.

Let the sunshine in

Mazda pulled off the Miata badges, leaving only the MX-5 name, but the rest of its redesign makes more sense: The new roadster (\$26,095 as tested) is a bit larger, more powerful and more comfortable, but still light, tossable and perfectly simple.

Compared with the MX-5's near perfection, the Pontiac Solstice (\$25,000) is easy to fault: The engine is nothing special, the roof is clunky, the trunk is a joke — and production glitches have kept cars out of customers' hands. Yet Bob Lutz's baby is a revelation, proof that GM can turn out a gorgeous well-priced roadster with a look and feel all its own.

Some lights less bright

Not everything on the test car calendar made a great impression. In 2005, the Buick Terraza (\$36,290) left

me pondering why Buick needed a minivan at all, and why GM still cannot make one that's competitive.

The Jaguar X-Type Sportswagon (\$37,590) is disappointing on so many levels that you wonder how much damage it has done to the brand.

The redesigned VW Passat seems the antithesis of everything that made the last model so appealing. That car was crisp, trim and organically handsome; now it is bloated, overstuffed, overpriced. (You can now spend \$40,000 for a Passat.)

Third-row seats are the rage in SUVs though they tend to be uncomfortable. Adding the row often makes the truck larger and less appealing, as is the case with the Nissan Pathfinder. New models are being created just for the seat, but the Jeep Commander and Subaru Tribeca are larger, thirstier and costlier than the vehicles they are based on. The third rows in both ought to fall under the Geneva Conventions.

Hybrid history

The hybrid car has been around for years, but in 2005 it went mainstream. Sales of the Toyota Prius soared, with inventories measured in hours rather than days. Gas-electric powertrains appeared in mainstream Honda Accords and in SUVs from Ford, Mercury, Toyota and Lexus.

Even skeptical General Motors joined the parade: BMW and DaimlerChrysler joined GM's effort to develop a new type of powertrain. Porsche said it would work with Volkswagen on a hybrid, and hybrid flagships are coming from Lexus and Mercedes-Benz.

Predictably, at a time when simple acts like shopping at Wal-Mart or eating a Big Mac take on political overtones, hybrids have become polarizing. Proponents canonize Toyota for its environmental leadership, overlooking the company's gas-swallowing trucks. Detractors point to the gap between hybrids' higher prices and their fairly modest mileage gains. A recent column in The Wall Street Journal argued that if you wanted to reduce dependence on Arab oil

you'd be better off drinking water than a Prius.

All this hybrid talk has hushed some of the buzz about potential of hydrogen, though cell car is now in the state of California family, the Space Shuttle, leasing a Honda FCX, and over \$1 million, for the first time, a hydrogen-powered car.

I drove the FCX and was impressed. Still, fuel-cell cars have huge hurdles, especially a cost-efficient hydrogen source. Even hydrogen's advocates concede that fuel-cell cars are many years away. In the meantime, all manner of hybrid cars come to market, here are suggestions to keep in mind:

■ All hybrids are not equal. GM's "mild hybrid" uses electric motors to assist you, but not to power the car. Some of the latest hybrids are Accord, Toyota Highlander and Lexus RX400h, which use electric motors primarily to go quicker, save a lot of gas.

■ Hybrids, unlike gas cars, get their best mileage in city go traffic and offer low fuel economy on the highway. To use them, you need to learn new driving techniques.

■ Hybrids aren't necessarily smooth as conventional cars. Brakes may feel less responsive, and electronic sounds come on.

■ Hybrids probably won't save you money. Because they cost \$4,000 or more above comparable gasoline models, they drive a lot to close the gap. Gas prices hit high, and new tax credits will help.

■ No one yet knows the true cost of a hybrid. The point must include the cost of the battery to replace the battery.

■ Hybrids may be a step about your lifestyle, and, perhaps, your car. They may be why the Prius is different from the other cars captured the public imagination. Honda Civic Hybrid may be the most future hybrids in regular cars.

Hybrids are advancing faster than expected

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Drivers concerned about the economy and the environment have good news: Hybrid cars are becoming more efficient and sophisticated far faster than industry experts figured.

DOWN THE ROAD

better fuel economy, delivers better performance and produces fewer emissions.

Honda is 10 years ahead with its technology than David Friedman at the Union of Concerned Scientists thought the automotive

industry would be at this point. In 2003, Friedman tried looking down the road at the potential of various hybrid technologies by the year 2015. He predicted that a hybrid with the type of technology Honda uses in a vehicle the size of a Civic sedan would attain a fuel economy rating from the Environmental Protection Agency of 50 miles per gallon by 2015. But it's

only 2005 and the EPA has just rated the Civic Hybrid's fuel economy at 49 mpg in the city and 51 on the highway. The previous model was rated at 47 mpg city and 48 mpg highway.

How significant is an increase of 2 or 3 miles per gallon? "It's a definite improvement for a vehicle that started off doing really well in the first place," Fried-

man said. "Plus, they have been able to move forward on smog." The previous Civic Hybrid met the most stringent emission certification standard for vehicles sold in California. But that was a special model. Civic Hybrids sold in other states produced over 10 times as much smog-forming pollution, Friedman said.

Now, all 2006 models meet California's demanding standards. Friedman calls that a "huge improvement." And remember that hybrids haven't even hit their 10-year anniversary, he said.

The new Civic Hybrid, as with all true hybrids, uses a small gasoline engine as the primary power source. An electric motor provides additional power when needed — to accelerate, for example — and the ability to generate electricity.

During braking, the gasoline engine deactivates and the electric motor acts as a generator to replenish the battery pack, called "regenerative braking."

At a stop, the engine enters an "idle-stop" mode to save fuel and reduce emissions. The engine turns off until the brake pedal is released.

During acceleration, the gasoline engine or the electric motor propels the vehicle. During cruising, the gasoline engine and the electric motor can propel the vehicle, or the electric motor can do so on its own.

This ability to move the vehicle by electric power alone is new for Honda's hybrids, whereas Toyota's and Ford's hybrid vehicles have always been able to be driven by electric power only.

The Civic's electric-only mode is fairly limited since the electric motor can move the car on its own for only about 30 seconds under 25 mph, according to Hideharu Takemoto, hybrid engineer for Honda R&D Americas, Inc.

Although the electric-only mode provides a pretty limited increase in fuel economy, "it's an improvement in the right direc-

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tion," Friedman said. However, the Civic Hybrid still can't be launched from a standstill using the electric-only mode as Toyota's and Ford's hybrid vehicles can.

Both the horsepower and torque of the Civic's gasoline engine have been increased; the electric motor is also more powerful. Several improvements have made these increases possible.

First, while the previous engine had only normal valve timing, the new one adds high-output valve timing. This addition allows the engine to work more efficiently whether it is operating at lower speeds or higher speeds, Friedman said.

"Therefore, the energy that is not being wasted is going to increase the engine's horsepower and torque," Friedman said.

Second, the previous system could idle or deactivate only three of the engine's four cylinders; the new system is able to idle or deactivate all four. This reduces the energy being wasted in pumping air into the engine's cylinders when they are not needed, which means there is more energy for the electric motor to recapture, Friedman said. This feature is combined with a new regenerative braking system that allows the electric motor to recapture even more energy than before when the vehicle is braking, which ultimately improves fuel economy.

As Friedman sees it, some of Honda's improvements have come about because of competition with Toyota. Whatever the reason, consumers and the environment will be the winners.



HONDA CIVIC HYBRID gets better fuel economy, delivers better performance and produces fewer emissions.

Automakers produce variations on the SUV theme

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in the market for an SUV, something they're calling for with a catchy new name: "SUV."

Confused by the design used for the growing variety of today's sport utility vehicles such as the sport truck and sport utility trucks, which have higher gas prices, gobbled up by record numbers.

Confusing the designations that face when shopping for a new family-hauler isn't all that hard.

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Though the term arrived about the time of the 1990 arrival of the Explorer, the vehicle whose instant success sparked the SUV boom, vehicles that today would be seen as fitting into the SUV genre have been around a whole lot longer.

But it was the Explorer that spawned a whole generation of popular truck-based SUVs, which became the standard family haulers of the '90s.

And for 2006, it's also now one of the newest on the market — again. A completely redesigned Explorer — better than ever — debuted this fall, along with the similar and also-redesigned Mercury Mountaineer.

Others brand-new among the traditional SUVs on the market for 2006 include the Jeep Commander, a stretch model based on the chassis of the Grand Cherokee but with completely different exterior styling. Its biggest difference is the third row of seating, a first for a Jeep sport utility.

Among the sport utility trucks, or SUVs, two new models come to mind for 2006: The all-new Honda

Ridgeline, a four-door pickup based on the chassis of the Honda Pilot SUV, and the high-end Lincoln Mark LT, a fancy version of the

Ford F-150 SuperCrew, with seating for five in an SUV-like interior.

Sport utility trucks essentially are SUVs whose rear cargo area, usually behind the second seat, has been cut open to create a usually shorter-than-normal pickup bed.

This creates a vehicle that is an SUV from the front bumper to the back of the second seat, but a pickup from that point to the rear bumper.

These come in varying sizes these days, beginning with the smallest — the Subaru Baja. Others include the one that was arguably the first true sport utility truck, the Ford Explorer Sport Trac, which will enter its next generation in 2007.

Built on the chassis of the Explorer SUV, this vehicle essentially is an Explorer with an exposed cargo area.

Among the others in this class are the Hummer H2 SUV, which takes the popular H2 and turns it into part-SUV, part-pickup, and both the

Chevrolet Avalanche and its upscale clone, the Cadillac Escalade EXT.

Both the Avalanche and Escalade EXT will arrive this spring in their second generations, as GM has completely redesigned its full-size sport utilities for 2007.

The lines between pickups and SUVs can get blurry. Some vehicles that truly are SUVs are actually being marketed as pickups and are commonly referred to as "crew cabs."

In fact, most truck manufacturers these days have pickups that essentially are four-door sport utilities with open cargo beds. Among them are the Toyota Tacoma and Tundra Double Cab models, the Nissan Frontier Crew Cab, the Chevrolet Colorado/GMC Canyon crew cabs and the Ford F-150 SuperCrew.

In that respect, the Explorer Sport Trac could very well have been called the Ranger SuperCrew, as it's essentially a four-door Ranger pickup.

The Avalanche and Escalade EXT essentially are Chevrolet Suburban/Cadillac

Escalade SUVs chopped off at the back to create SUVs, but with a

twist. Both have so-called midgates that can be opened behind the second seat to expand the pickup's cargo area all the way to the rear of the front seat.

This gives almost the same amount of cargo space as a conventional regular-cab pickup (but with no wall behind the front seat to keep out the elements).

There are other designations you might run into, such as "sport tourer" and "sport activity vehicle" (or SAV for short). Some automakers have created vehicles that aren't quite SUVs but more like station wagons or smaller minivans. But calling them minivans or wagons isn't cool so the idea of calling them sport activity vehicles or sport tourers was born.

Among these are vehicles such as the Chrysler Pacifica, which the company insists created its own genre, the "sport tourer." But others that could be considered in this class include the Nissan Murano, Infiniti FX35 and FX45, and the all-new Mercedes-Benz R-class, which the company refers to as a "grand sports tourer."

BMW is among manufacturers

who refer to their sport utility models as SAVs.

The BMW models for 2006 include the compact X3 and the midsize X5. Some manufacturers consider other hard-to-classify vehicles to be SAVs, such as the Toyota Matrix/Pontiac Vibe, which are slightly puffed-up wagon versions of the compact Toyota Corolla sedan, and vehicles such as the boxy Scion xB from Toyota and the Element from Honda.

And some automakers have created acronyms of their own that have become the actual names of their vehicles — for instance, the Toyota RAV4, which stands for "recreational activity vehicle" with four doors; and the Honda

CR-V, which means "compact recreational vehicle."

The RAV4 has been completely redesigned for 2006, and among its new features are the first-ever available V6 engine and third row of seating. With the optional third row, the new RAV4 can seat up to seven people.

Whatever the designation, there are many choices of sport utility vehicles and sport utility trucks on the market for 2006. It's the biggest and best offering ever from the automakers, and for consumers there's literally something for everyone.

Gas engines won't disappear for years, experts predict

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through turbochargers, smaller displacement, multiple valves per cylinder, cylinder deactivation and other technologies.

"Could they improve by 25 to 30 percent, putting them in the ballpark of a diesel? That seems reasonable," he said.

The gasoline engine could survive as a lower-cost, no-frills alternative to premium-priced hybrids and diesels, much like a 4-cylinder is to a V6 or stick shift is to an automatic transmission, he added.

Even Toyota, who sells the most hybrids, continues to tweak the old standby.

"We've been building internal combustion engines for 120 years as an industry, and we get better at it every year," said Paul Williamsen, product education manager for the University of Toyota, the training unit of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A.

For example, direct injection was first used on diesels and is now available on gas engines from Volkswagen, Mitsubishi, Toyota and others. It shoots fuel directly into the combustion chamber instead of an intake port, and Williamsen says that allows more precise control over the amount injected and how efficiently it mixes with air.

Toyota uses direct injection on the Lexus GS300 and IS250/350 sedans in the United States, and Williamsen said it gives those cars a 5 to 8 percent fuel economy improvement and 10 to 12 percent more torque.

"It's like you're getting a freebie here," Williamsen said of the

greater power in addition to better economy.

Among other recent tweaks Toyota, like other automakers, has made is reducing internal friction in all its engines, which allows using thinner oil. Both steps yield small efficiency improvements.

Another was to use aluminum instead of cast iron for engine blocks and plastic instead of aluminum for intake manifolds and valve covers. The weight savings produced small gains in fuel efficiency and performance, Williamsen said.

Several such small improvements over time can make up to 5 to 10 percent better fuel economy, Williamsen said, and they haven't run out of ideas for making gas engines more efficient.

"I'm not sure there is an upward limit to the efficiency we can get from the gasoline internal combustion engine," he said.

Toyota expects to sell about 600,000 hybrids in the United States by early next decade, and company executives said recently that eventually all their vehicles will get hybrid technology, though they gave no timetable.

Williamsen says whatever improvements Toyota makes to its gas engines can be incorporated into its hybrids.

General Motors will introduce several hybrid models over the next three years and says it expects to be capable of building fuel-cell vehicles in large numbers by 2010. However, GM says it won't begin volume production of fuel cells until a hydrogen fueling network is in place, which most

experts say is at least 10 years away.

Meanwhile, GM will offer more gas engines with cylinder deactivation, which shuts down half an engine's cylinders when cruising to save fuel; computer-controlled valves; 6-speed automatic transmissions; and other technologies gaining popularity.

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- Try to remain calm.
- Do not admit fault to anyone.
- Seek police involvement. Police officers are trained to handle traffic accidents. They will also determine who's at fault.

- Allow medical professionals and/or law enforcement officials to control the accident scene.
- Discuss the accident only with the police and your auto in-

surance company. During the claims process, if another party to the accident or another auto insurance company contacts you, do not discuss the accident with them and do not agree to make a recorded statement. Simply refer any questions about the accident to your claims representative.

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
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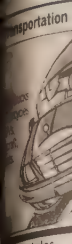
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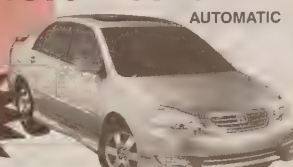
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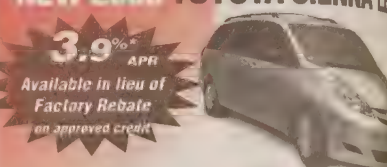
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Behind the shamrock

Looking at the history, myths and traditions surrounding St. Patrick's Day

By Wendy Zang
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WHO IS ST. PATRICK?



St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Born in the late fourth century in Scotland, he was kidnapped as a teenager and shipped to Ireland as a slave. He was sent to the mountains as a shepherd, where he spent his time in prayer. After six years, he had a dream in which God told him to leave Ireland. Walking nearly 200 miles, he escaped to Great Britain, where he reportedly had a second vision, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, he joined the priesthood and did just that. He is credited with converting much of Ireland to Christianity. He died in the mid-fifth century, on March 17.

WHY A SHAMROCK?

St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. It has been associated with him and the Irish ever since. The shamrock's color is also one of the reasons why people wear green for St. Patrick's Day. Green is also a symbol of spring and of Ireland itself.

CELEBRATIONS (AND A LITTLE HISTORY)

The Irish have celebrated St. Patrick's Day as a religious holiday for centuries. Irish families would spend the morning in church and the afternoon celebrating. Since the holiday usually fell during Lent, the Catholic Church waived the usual Lenten restrictions on the consumption of meat, and people would dance, drink and feast (often on the traditional Irish meal of bacon and cabbage).

It was the Americans who turned it into a secular holiday of Irish nationalism. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in 1762, when Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the streets of New York City. During the mid-1800s, St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans (most of them poor, Catholic and the targets of discrimination). In 1948 President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade. It was, according to The History Channel, "a proud moment for the many Irish."



A band of bagpipers marches down New York's Fifth Avenue during the 2005 St. Patrick's Day parade.

whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America." It wasn't until 1995, however, that the Irish government began a national campaign to use St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world.

Now, you can find the biggest celebrations in:

■ **Dublin:** Billed as Ireland's largest annual party, Dublin hosts a multi-day festival that draws more than 1.5 million spectators and 4,000 performers.

■ **New York City:** The tradition continues in New York with more than 200,000 marchers and more than 2.2 million spectators.

■ **Chicago:** They've been dyeing the Chicago River green since 1962 for their famous parade.

There are hundreds more parades and celebrations in towns from Sea Isle City, N.J., to Hermosa Beach, Calif. And internationally, look for parades in London, Sydney and Tokyo.

SOURCES: WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG, WWW.HISTORYCHANNEL.COM, WWW.CATHOLIC-FORUM.COM, WWW.SAINTPATRICKSDAYFEST.COM



QUIZ

How much do you know about Ireland?

1. Size?
 - a. Slightly larger than California
 - b. Slightly larger than Canada
 - c. Slightly larger than West Virginia
 - d. Slightly larger than Rhode Island
2. Population?
 - a. More than 4 million
 - b. More than 7 million
 - c. More than 1 million
 - d. More than 14 million
3. Capital?
 - a. Cork
 - b. Dublin
 - c. Donegal
 - d. Limerick
4. Percent Roman Catholic?
 - a. 55
 - b. 77
 - c. 12
 - d. 88
5. Patron saint? (Come on, people!)
 - a. St. Ursula
 - b. St. David
 - c. St. Patrick
 - d. Bono



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5. c.

4. d.

3. b.

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1. c.

ANSWERS:

SOURCE: WWW.CIA.GOV

PATTY PARTY PLANNER

Here are a few quick tips for planning your own St. Patrick's Day celebration from Evite.com:

■ **Decorations:** Go green simply with streamers, or more elaborately with green light bulbs, green balloons and shamrock-shaped party lights.

■ **On the table:** Gold foil-wrapped chocolate coins and/or Lucky Charms cereal make good table decorations.

■ **For entertainment:** Make a Styrofoam "Blamey Stone" to sit near the door and have people kiss it as they enter.

■ **Attire:** Green, of course. Best with a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" pin and a green leprechaun hat. For real effect, go for the Lucky Charms lep-



WILLIAM GRATZ/KRT

Get decked out in green attire for your St. Patrick's Day party.

rechaun look: green blazer, a green scarf and a green bowler hat with a shamrock, of course.

■ **Fun games:** In addition to singing Irish folk songs and other pub tunes, try giving your guests five minutes to write a limerick; then have them read it out loud in their best Irish accents.

■ **Eats:** Go for the traditional Irish grub (see list below); or just go green with some mashed potatoes and green food coloring, or some green M&Ms.

■ **Drinks:** For the adults, serve up Irish beer or Irish coffee; for non-alcoholic options, try mint-chocolate milkshakes, Gatorade or green Kool-Aid.

SOURCE: WWW.EVITE.COM



BOB FILAK/KRT

Cabbage, potatoes and Canadian bacon are elements of our quick Irish "Boiled" Dinner recipe.

TRADITIONAL IRISH FOOD

You may want to celebrate with some traditional Irish grub:

■ **Bacon and cabbage** (or corned beef and cabbage)

■ **Champ:** A mixture of mashed potatoes, eggs and scallions

■ **Colcannon:** A dish of mashed potatoes, cabbage, butter, salt and pepper

■ **Irish stew:** Usually made with lamb, potatoes, onions and parsley

■ **Irish breakfast:** Pork sausages, bacon, eggs, black and white puddings (sausages), toast or soda bread

■ **Irish soda bread:** Quick bread that substitutes baking soda for yeast

■ **Dublin coddle:** A casserole of bacon, pork sausages, potatoes and parsley

Here's one recipe from the Chicago Tribune to get you started:

QUICK IRISH

'BOILED' DINNER

WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 package (5 ounces) Canadian bacon or ham, cut into strips
- 1 small sweet onion, diced
- 1 package (6 ounces) coleslaw mix
- 12 baby red potatoes, halved
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) chicken broth

- 5 sprigs fresh thyme, tied together
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, or more to taste
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup whipping cream

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat butter over medium heat in large skillet or Dutch oven. Add Canadian bacon; cook until lightly browned on one side, 1 minute. Turn; cook 1 minute. Remove to a plate; set aside.

2. Add onion to skillet; cook 2 minutes. Add coleslaw mix; cook, stirring often, until onions begin to brown and cabbage wilts, about 5 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high. Add potatoes, broth, thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Heat to boil; reduce heat to simmer. Cover; cook until potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes.

3. Mix mustard and flour in a small bowl; stir in a small amount of the cream until smooth. Stir in remaining cream. Add cream mixture and Canadian bacon to skillet. Cook, stirring, until broth is slightly thickened, about 2 minutes. Serve in wide bowls.

Nutrition information per serving: 595 calories, 26 percent of calories from fat, 17 g fat, 9 g saturated fat, 55 mg cholesterol, 89 g carbohydrates, 21 g protein, 1,585 mg sodium, 9 g fiber

— Chicago Tribune

SOURCES: EPICURIUS.COM, WIKIPEDIA

BEVERAGES

Forget the green beer, here are some real Irish beers to help you celebrate this St. Patrick's Day:

■ **Guinness:** Brewed in Dublin since 1759, rich and dark. See if your bartender can draw a shamrock in the head of your Guinness. Guinness also makes Smithwick's Irish Ale and Harp Lager.

■ **Murphy's:** Brewing Irish Stout in Cork, Ireland, since 1856, Murphy's also makes an Irish Red (a lighter alternative).

■ **Beamish:** Also brewed in Cork, since 1792. Along with Murphy's and Guinness, it makes up what epicurious.com calls the Blessed Trinity.

■ **O'Hara's Celtic Stout:** Made by Carlow Brewing Company in Carlow, Ireland, a microbrew that started up in 1998. The stout has won international awards.

■ **D'Arcy's Dublin stout:** Made by Dublin Brewing Company, another newcomer to the scene, founded in 1996.

Or opt for some other Irish drinks:

■ **Irish coffee:** Legend has it the drink of coffee, Irish whiskey, cream and sugar was invented at Shannon Airport in Ireland.

■ **Irish whiskey:** Barley malt whiskey made in Ireland. Similar to Scotch whiskey, except for where it's made.

■ **Bailey's Irish Cream:** A whiskey and cream-based liquor made by Bailey & Co. of Dublin.

■ **Irish Car Bomb:** This one mandates directions: Pour a half a pint of Guinness into a beer mug; let settle. Meanwhile, prepare a shot with 1/2 ounce Irish whiskey and 1/2 ounce Bailey's (or other Irish cream). Drop the shot glass into the mug and chug.

SOURCES: EPICURIUS.COM, WIKIPEDIA, WWW.DRINKNATION.COM

SONGS

Here are a few lyrics from some popular Irish folk songs:

DANNY BOY

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side
The summer's gone, and all the flow-ers are dying
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bid.

But come you back when summer's in the meadow
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow
'Tis I'll be there in sunshine or in shadow
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING
When Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure, 'tis like the morn in Spring.
In the lilt of Irish laughter
You can hear the angels sing.
When Irish hearts are happy,
All the world seems bright and gay.
And when Irish eyes are smiling,
Sure, they steal your heart away.

SOURCES: WWW.THEBARDS.NET, WWW.IRELANDINFORMATION.COM



Many people celebrate St. Patrick's Day by donning Irish-themed garb and attending parades.

WILLIAM GRATZ/KRT

Sushi: How to choose, order and eat it

BY JANE SNOW
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

They're hip, they're fun, and they're brimming with raw fish. But just because you like your tuna cooked instead of almost wriggling doesn't mean you can't enjoy the sushi bar craze.

Here's a little secret: Up to half of the menu items in most sushi bars contain not a shred of raw fish. The food is healthful, the flavors are bright and clean, and you get to play with your dinner. What's not to like?

"At first just the Japanese came," said chef Tony Kawaguchi, of Sushi Katsu in Akron, Ohio. "Now the local people support me. It's an American food now."

But it's a food many Americans still haven't tried. That's why we went searching for sushi that even sushi-haters could love. We found a ton of great food along with tips on how to order, how to tip, and what to do with that blob of green paste on your plate.

First, the green paste: It's wasabi (wah SAW bee), and it's spicy-hot. It is the grated and dried root of a type of horseradish plant. Real wasabi is very expensive, so in this country — and even in many sushi bars in Japan — horseradish is used as a substitute. You are expected to pour some soy sauce into the tiny dish provided, and with your chopsticks mix in some of the wasabi. Then dip each piece of sushi in the sauce before eating it. Go easy at first on the wasabi or your eyes will water from the heat. Start with a blob no bigger than a pencil eraser.

Near the wasabi on your plate will be a mound of pale-pink pickled ginger. The thin slices are for nibbling on between bites, to cleanse your palate. They're sour-sweet and addictive.

By the time you get your plate with wasabi and pickled ginger, you will have already ordered. This can be a confusing process in a sushi bar. Although the chef is right in front of you, customers are usually expected to order from the server who takes your drink order. Do so, unless the chef hands you a small paper menu and a pencil. At some sushi bars, and in others at busy times, diners merely mark their choices on the paper menu and hand it back to the chef. If you'd like to speak to the server anyway, just say so.

How to place orders

Consulting with the server or the chef is a good idea for first-timers. Ask for recommendations of nonraw sushi. The server and chef will be glad to help, although in some sushi bars you'll have to rely on the server alone because the chef doesn't speak much English.

That's a shame, because the banter between the sushi chef and his customers is an integral part of the experience. In Japan, the sushi chef is expected to be both dignified and convivial.

Dining at a sushi bar is a social occasion. The interaction between customers and chef often leads to interaction among the diners, especially when the sushi chef has as big a personality as Chal Pung at Golden Dragon in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Pung shouts, laughs and jolles his customers through their meals. Regulars keep their personal chopsticks on a rack behind the sushi bar, like the personalized beer mugs at some taverns.

But back to the food. On the menu you will find a bewildering array of soups, appetizers, sashimi, sushi, maki, bento and combination plates. Sashimi is raw fish alone. Sushi is raw or cooked seafood and perhaps other ingredients with gently salted and vinegared rice. Bento is a compartmentalized box that holds a number of different items.

Many nonraw items

Skip to the maki rolls, where most of the nonraw choices can be found. Maki are sushi rolls wrapped in thin sheets of dried seaweed, called nori. The seaweed is practically flavorless. It helps hold the ingredients together. Each maki roll is cut into about five to seven slices by the chef. One or two maki rolls should fill you up.

Another good choice would be a hand roll, which is a maki roll shaped into a cone for easier eating out of hand.

Most local sushi bars serve several items that are similar from restaurant to restaurant. Among these favorites are a few nonraw choices. Try a spider roll, which is sushi rice and nori encasing soft-shell crab. Or try a California roll, which is sushi rice and nori wrapped around avocado, crab meat and cucumber.

Here are some other nonraw choices:

■ **Philadelphia roll:** The name usually means a filling of smoked salmon and cream cheese.

■ **Tempura shrimp roll:** Batter-fried shrimp and perhaps vegetable slivers are encased in rice.

■ **Spicy crawfish or shrimp:** Cooked shellfish in a mildly spicy mayonnaise sauce is rolled into the sushi.

■ **Volcano roll or crazy roll:** Grilled shrimp or crawfish in a slightly spicy sauce is poured over a California roll.

■ **Alaska roll:** Smoked salmon and avocado are tucked inside.

Round off your meal with a bowl of miso soup or an order of edamame beans. These are listed as appetizers, but Japanese sushi meals do not come in courses. Sip the soup and snack on the beans throughout dinner.

■ **The soup:** A comforting seafood broth swirling with clouds of miso (fermented soybean paste) and punctuated with cubes of tofu — may be sipped directly from the bowl, although a spoon is usually provided. Edamame are immature, green soybeans steamed in their pods. Break open the pods and pick out the beans inside with your fingers.

You may eat the sushi with your fingers, too, or with the chopsticks that are provided. Just remember to eat each piece in a single bite. Trying to daintily nibble a piece of sushi can be hilariously messy.

About the bill, tips

Sushi can be expensive, especially if you like the less filling raw selections. The heartier maki rolls cost about \$5 to \$10 each, though, so dinner can be had for less than \$20.

At the end of the meal, ask the

server for the bill, and tip 20 percent. The server and the chef will split the tip. Or if you're paying with cash, leave the server's tip on the tray with the bill and place the chef's tip in the jar that is found on every sushi bar.

One last bit of instruction: Have fun. That's what sushi bars are for.

Some terms to know when ordering sushi

■ **Sashimi:** Raw fish.

■ **Sushi:** Vinegared rice that is used as a platform for — molded around — raw or cooked fish and vegetables to form sushi rolls.

■ **Maki roll:** A sushi roll wrapped in a thin sheet of dried nori seaweed.

■ **Hand roll:** A sushi roll wrapped with nori into a cone shape for easy eating out of hand.

■ **Wasabi:** A grated spicy-hot root that is formed into a green paste and mounded on the diner's plate. The diner mixes a small amount with soy sauce in a small dish that's provided, and dips each bite of sushi into the sauce.

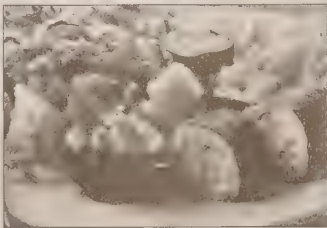
■ **Pickled ginger:** Paper-thin, pale-pink slices mounded next to the sushi as a palate cleanser between bites. Nibble on a slice whenever the mood strikes.

■ **Bento:** A handy dinner box divided into tiny compartments to hold a variety of sushi and other foods.

■ **Crab:** Sometimes it's real snow, king or soft-shell blue crab, but often — depending on the sushi roll — it's surimi, a faux crab meat (made from Alaskan pollock and crab) that's popular in Japan.

■ **Tamago-yaki:** A layered, airy omelet cut into geometric shapes and served as part of a sushi selection or by itself.

■ **White fish:** Usually red snapper, but occasionally halibut.



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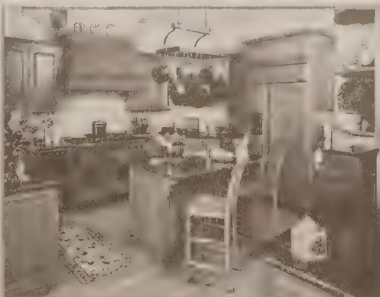
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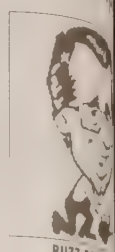
Rid your woody ornamental plants of pesty Thrips

Q I have a Thrip problem on my Rhododendron and now it's has spread to two other plants. I've sprayed the plants but it doesn't seem to faze them. What should I do?

A Thrips have been a problem on woody ornamental plants in residential gardens for the past decade. Previously, they were limited to being a problem on the flowers of roses and gladioli. Besides Rhododendrons, we are finding Thrip damage on Azaleas, Photinias, Viburnums, Toyons and others. Thrips are tiny, slender insects about an eighth of an inch long. They have both sucking and rasping mouthparts.

The damage is very often seen before the insect is observed. The rasping mouth causes the top of the leaves to discolor. It has a very distinctive silvery hue as the chlorophyll layer is removed from the leaves. The discoloration is not in a random pattern. Instead, it starts in one section and spreads evenly across the leaf surface. When you turn the leaf over, the black specks are Thrip feces. Thrips can have as many as eight generations each year with warm temperatures accelerating the process.

Hence one or two applications doesn't solve the problem. Horticultural or Neem Oil is the organic answer for Thrips. Either is applied every three weeks from the flush of new growth through Labor Day. I prefer to use Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control. It's a systemic insecticide that is not sprayed on the foliage but applied to the roots of the plants with a watering can or bucket. One application in the spring will last twelve months. The damaged leaves will not repair themselves. So it is important to fertilize the plant(s) to encourage the new growth. 16-16-16 is a balanced fertilizer for woody ornamentals but for Azaleas and Rhododendrons,



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Warm up any room with a fireplace

What's hot for your home? A second fireplace installed anywhere in the house. Traditionally, homes have been built with one wood-burning fireplace in the living or family room. Now, there is such a wide variety of styles and sizes available, that the idea of adding a second fireplace in another room of the house is spreading like wildfire — whether you're choosing a fireplace for ambience or supplementary heat.

The most popular location for adding a second fireplace is the master bedroom, but the bathroom and the kitchen are also benefiting from the ambience and architectural addition of a fireplace. And while most existing primary fireplaces in the home are wood burning, many homeowners are opting for gas or electric as the secondary location.

Wood burning fireplaces, as well as some gas models, will require venting to the outdoors. Gas fireplaces are vent free, and electric ones get plugged in to any other appliance.

The master bedroom tends to be the most flexible, because of its size — there's usually enough space to run a venting pipe, or enough wall space to which to place an electric unit.

But it seems to be the smaller rooms in which homeowners are being most creative. One new way to install a flickering electric fireplace in the bathroom is above a bathtub to create a relaxing spa feeling. Others are being installed at floor level, which is very popular among those who want to take the chill from tile floors.

level, which is very popular among those who want to take the chill from tile floors. These beautifully designed, room-warming fireplaces turn a "ho-hum" bathroom into a "wow" bathroom.

Another option is adding a fireplace to the kitchen — it's an easy way to create a cozy feeling in the room where most family and friends tend to gather. Consider having a small fireplace mounted in place of a kitchen cabinet, or in a corner cabinet.

Or, if you have a large kitchen, add an oversized fireplace and set an overstuffed sofa or a few chairs in front of it so there is a warm, soft place to take a break. If you already have natural gas running into your kitchen, it's a cinch to run it to a fireplace.

Consider a two-for-one fireplace. A see-through fireplace can be installed to be part of two different rooms, thereby spreading heat and beauty for the price of one.

They can be installed in the wall like a traditional fireplace, or can be used to create an architectural divider between two rooms.

Regardless of where you put one, there is a fireplace for almost every budget. Electric fireplaces start at around \$300, and are becoming popular because they can be moved from one room to the next if desired. The cost of gas and wood burning fireplaces varies widely depending on size, materials, mantels, and other options.

A second fireplace is an indulgence that every homeowner should enjoy.

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As leaves fall and flowers disappear, the "bare bones" of your landscape emerge, providing a canvas to easily imagine the perfect spot where an elegant trellis or another nice garden structure might go. These classic structures have been adding style, elegance and value to garden areas for centuries. Though you may not have recognized it at the time, there's often a common reason why gardens incorporating these structures are more peaceful and serene than others.

Location is key

Remember, one of the greatest assets of any garden structure is its architectural appeal, so make sure the site and size you choose are appropriate for its surroundings. Consider attaching the structure to your home, using it to shelter a path between the main house and an outbuilding, or simply frame the view of another landscape feature.

Also, keep in mind the location



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from where the structure will be viewed. Will it be placed so it can be viewed from the deck, porch, kitchen or dining nook? Where will you enjoy it the most? These are all questions to consider when deciding on placement.

You may consider placing structures in the front yard as well, creating a unique look to the home's exterior that enhances curb appeal and thus value. Remember, the exterior of your home is the face it presents to the world; it defines the mood and character of the home and reflects the desired image.

Dimensions 101

Take special care when deciding the proportions of foundational posts, hand railings or overhead canopy of the structure. For instance, a set of 4-by-4 inch posts would be ideal with 2-by-6 inch overhead boards, but not vice versa. Also, make sure the posts are vertically straight and even in height, and ensure the overhead canopy boards are level and evenly spaced in parallel to each other. Attention to detail is essential here.

Embrace the environment

There's often a key reason why some yards are more peaceful and serene than others. More than likely, the setting incorporates designs and materials embracing the

natural environment, thus creating an outdoor haven that is a harmonious blend of architecture and nature.

In fact, through a simple coordination of all-natural materials and stylistically consistent additions gracefully creating a "balanced" environment that becomes a component of the larger natural order almost becomes second nature.

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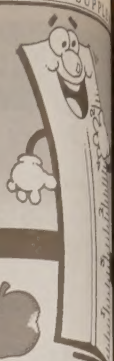
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Lise Gronnerod riding Breezy

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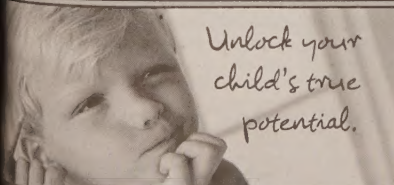


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culture while serving God and others. Families at Contra Costa Christian come from a wide variety of Christian denominations. A partnership between the family and school, alongside the church, fosters an environment where students flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

Christ's Kids

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California Fish & Game and its Fishing In The City Program will allow 200 children to be instructed about fishing. Specific skills: knot tying, tackle rigging, casting, safety, conservation & fish cleaning.

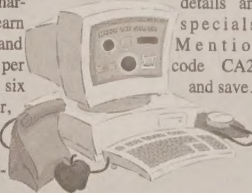
Exhibitors are coming for the children. Some of these vendors and exhibitors are: Mount Diablo State Park, US Coast Guard, Army Corp Eng., California Waterfowl Assoc., Bass Master, Striped Bass Assoc., NRA, California Raptors, Game Booths, climbing wall, fish painting & more!

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By David Chee, Certified Public Accountant

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